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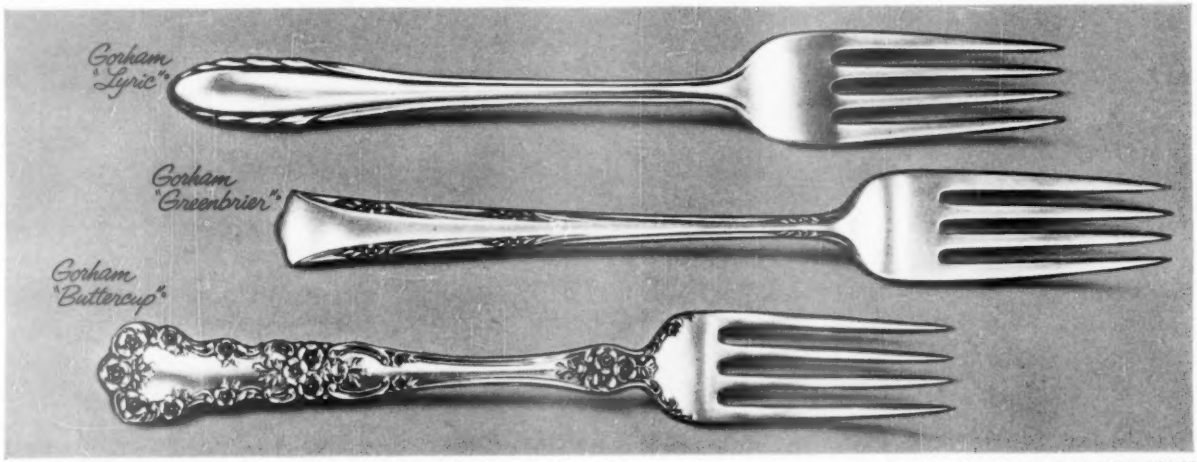

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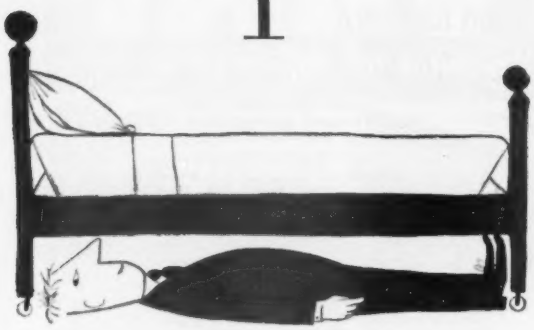

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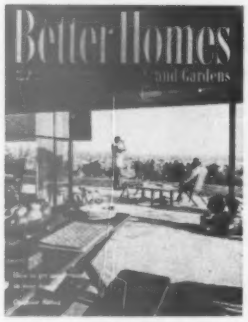

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By Julia Hale

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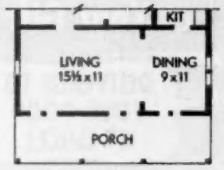

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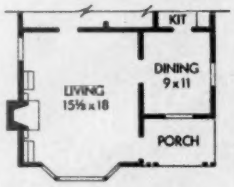

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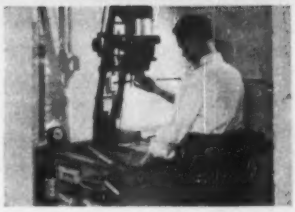

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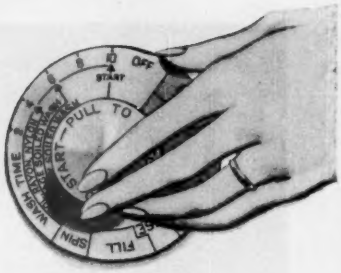

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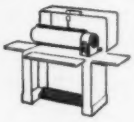

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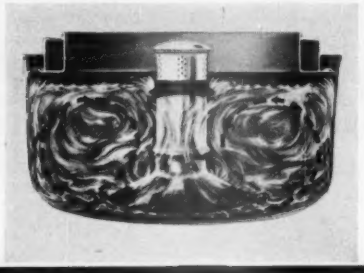

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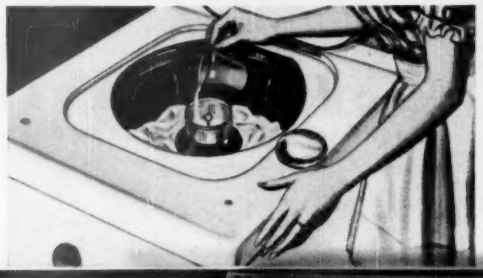

Easy hospitality for last-minute guests

This is how one host makes impromptu suppers a success

By Jani Beals

Here is a real test for a smart host or hostess. Can you invite unexpected guests to stay for dinner, then turn the meal into a memorable affair?

There are two secrets to this easy, gracious hospitality. First, you learn how to make two or three dishes perfectly so you can depend upon them to be a success, even when prepared on a moment's notice. Second, you keep on hand the foods and tableware you need to serve your specialty smartly.

James Mont, New York furniture designer, is known for his shish-kabob suppers. Friends who drop into his shop on a summer day generally find Mr. Mont in the mood for a garden party. For him, entertaining is fun. Photographs show you how he does it.

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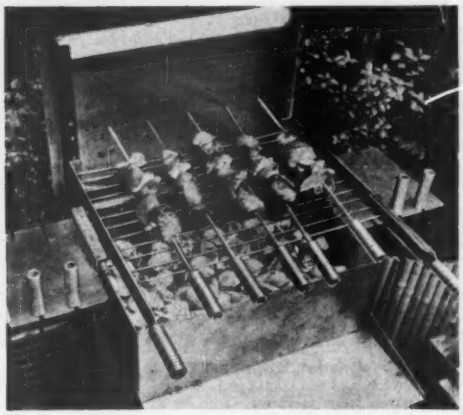

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How-to for the handyman

Split section splits seconds. To speed jobs involving friction tape, use this technique. First tear tape into narrow lengths. Then reroll it on itself with sticky side out. Once started, you can roll it with two fingers around the splice that you're taping.

Raymond G. Sipe
Towson, Maryland

Neat nail knack. When you remove molding or trim to be used again, pull the old finishing nails through, point first, instead of backing them out. That way, you'll avoid splintering and paint chipping on the face side. Drive new nails in new locations for more holding power, countersink, cover with wood putty, touch up with paint.

Harry Higgins, Prescott, Arizona

Tack track. Before you unroll a window shade that must be cut narrower, measure the desired width. Then push a thumbtack through the rolled shade at that point. When shade is unrolled, tack will have produced a series of holes about three inches apart. With holes as a guide, unwanted part of shade can be accurately cut off with a pair of scissors.

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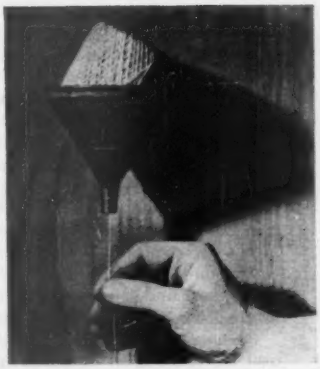

No strain on drain. Both laundry trays and floor drains are often stopped up by soapy lint from a washing machine. To avoid such clogs, wire a tea strainer to the end of the drain hose. The water goes through, but the lint and soap are trapped. Shake out the accumulation of lint at regular intervals.

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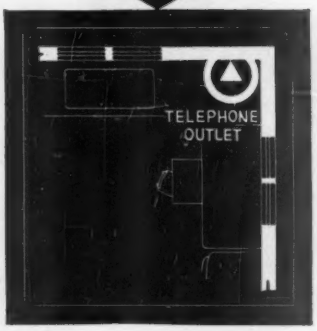

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How to hold on to a HAPPY MARRIAGE

By Allan Fromme, Ph. D.

Anybody can get married, but not everybody can find happiness in marriage.

For a marriage is only as well adjusted as the two personalities involved. The way we *act* in marriage has a great deal to do with the way marriage *reacts* on us.

The best way, then, to understand your marriage is by understanding yourself. Marriage does not set up problems apart from the rest of your life. The rest of your life sets up problems which appear in marriage as they do elsewhere.

Once people marry, it is almost inevitable that they will occasionally shock each other by revealing parts of their personality which were hidden before marriage. This is why it's often said that people cannot really know each other until they begin to live together. This is largely true. But it is also somewhat misleading. It emphasizes how much two people will find out about *each other* instead of how much married life can help them understand themselves.

Understanding each other depends pretty much on how well we understand ourselves. You can't appreciate your wife's point of view, for example, unless you recognize your own unwillingness to understand or even listen to her side of the story. This blindness we have about ourselves can make it extremely difficult for us to settle the everyday problems of married life. We may even fall out of love because of it.

There are four general lines of thought which can be enormously helpful in approaching the everyday problems of married life.

First of all, if you are realistic enough about human nature and marriage, many of these problems will not take you by surprise. No matter how similar the backgrounds of husband and wife may be, or how well adjusted and in love they are when they marry, there are bound to be a lot of differences in their personal habits. In other words, you can avoid a great deal of disillusionment by learning to expect the things which will *probably* happen rather than merely those you earnestly *want* to happen.

From Marriage—A Job for Two, *to be published in the spring of 1951 by Prentice-Hall, Inc.*

- Do arguments mean a bad marriage?
- Should you give up old friends and habits?
- Does criticism ever help?
- Can you take the sting out of family quarrels?
- How can you share each other's interests?
- What's more vital than avoiding friction?

Secondly, you should recognize that a marriage is rarely doomed by its rough spots, *but rather by the inadequate steps you take to smooth them out.*

Thirdly, you must realize how much your own flexibility and emotional maturity have to do with your success or failure in solving these problems.

Finally, you must get some idea, not only of what to expect from marriage, *but also of what marriage expects from you.*

Assuming that neither of you is unusually cantankerous, there are still three big reasons why differences in personal habits are hard to work out.

First of all, even though we may realize that such differences will arise, we rarely know exactly *when* to expect them. As a result, we are frequently taken unawares anyway. A man, for example, may be innocently walking across his bedroom floor when he suddenly steps barefoot on his wife's carelessly discarded slipper. Nine times out of 10, he will automatically turn on his wife and complain about her lack of neatness. And 9 times out of 10, she, in turn, will say it wouldn't have happened but for his slovenly habit of walking around barefoot. It would be easy enough for husband and wife to examine their relative neatness or other personal habits calmly and rationally at *other* times. When they are taken unawares, however, it's not so easy.

Secondly, many of us are more *rigid* in our personal habits than we realize. We've done things in a certain way for years, and we can't change ourselves, or others, very easily. A man, for example, may feel that he can't go to sleep in a heated room; his wife may feel that it is equally impossible for her if the room is unheated. The way in which a man drives his automobile may be different from his wife's idea of how it should be done. The way in which a woman dismembers a newspaper may be contrary to the habits of her husband. The way they squeeze a tube of tooth paste, their choice of movies or radio programs, their reactions to various foods, colors, furniture—any and all of these things can bring on disagreement and reveal the tenacity of habits.

Thirdly, disagreement tends to perpetuate itself because it makes people angry. The need for retaliation makes other insignificant differences seem more [*Turn to page 16*

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by don herold

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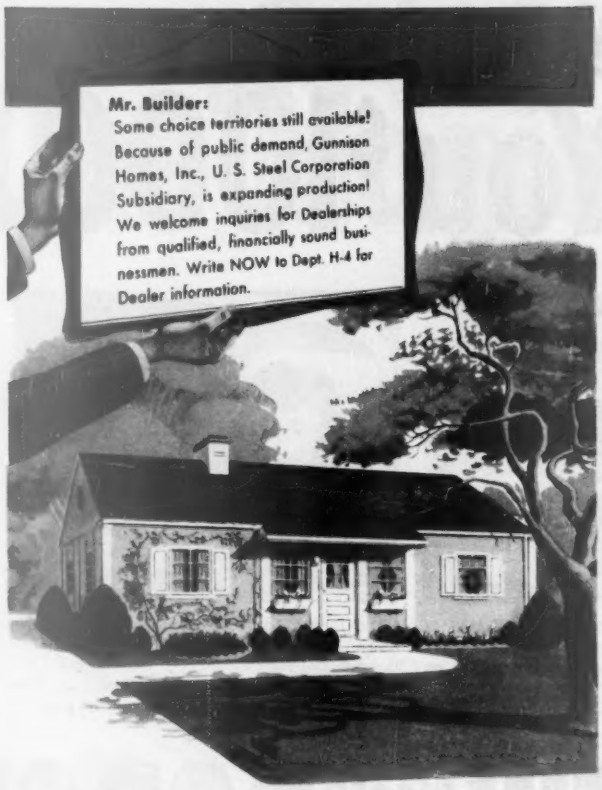

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How to hold on to a happy marriage

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important than they really are. Suppose your wife scolds you for playing golf so late that you can't take her downtown. What happens? Even though it may be childish, you pick on many small things *she* does later in the same day. You find fault with her hat, her cooking, in fact, almost anything you light upon. You fail to see how your retaliating merely prolongs your disagreement. It never corrects it. Motivated by the desire to show your wife that she, too, has her faults, you ignite still more disagreements. When this happens both of you lose sight of the relatively minor event which started the bickering and become engaged in a personal struggle for domination. Such a course is self-defeating for two obvious reasons.

First, you can't correct or change *anything* when you get sidetracked and lose sight of it. Secondly, the disturbance you create in your relationship tends to discourage future attempts at working things out.

It is important to understand how we ourselves perpetuate family disagreements. Something occurs for the first time *only once*. After two or three times, we should be able to foresee how we will react to certain situations. Once we *can* foresee our own behavior, we are at least in a better position to do something about it. And when we see how rigid our own habits are, we can appreciate that others have the same problem. If it's hard for *us* to do something differently from the way we have been doing it, we should assume that others have the same difficulty. Human nature *doesn't* change overnight. Finally, and most difficult of all to recognize and control, is the extent to which we all tend to *magnify* small matters. We overlook the fact that we don't make nearly so much of a fuss about many *more important* matters. This inconsistency should make it clear to us that it is not a specific small occurrence which is responsible for most emotional flare-ups, but rather something irksome *in us* which we have not been willing or able to face. This is why it is so essential that we be courageous and thoroughly honest with ourselves as well as with our mates.

Arguments do not necessarily indicate a bad marriage. Many people feel that disagreement and argument are the worst things that can happen in marriage. As a result, they never honestly face their differences of opinion. They may be able to maintain the *illusion* of peace and harmony in their marriage. But this illusion won't provide real personal peace or harmony. If differences of opinion are inevitable, we ought to accept some amount of argument as inevitable also. As a matter of fact, ventilating your problems can be a perfectly wholesome thing to do, provided you *get somewhere* with them. Having more than two or three arguments about the *same* matter should indicate to any reasonably intelligent person that he is making no progress. Some other approach is necessary, and other possible solutions ought to be considered. *The only argument which is really distressing is the one which leaves the problem unsolved.*

Having arguments is not necessarily immature. Yet many married people postpone the task of resolving their differences. Instead of trying to fix what they have, they allow things to get so out-of-hand that they feel hopeless. Typical of this was the man who reported that in seven years of marriage, he and his wife had never had a single serious argument. The reason, he said, was not that they had gotten along so well, but rather that both he and his wife simply abhorred an argument. They felt that it was beneath their dignity "to attack each other like school children." If something went wrong, they would habitually swallow hard and keep it to themselves. Now, after allowing their annoyance to fester within them for seven years, they had not only just about killed off the romance in their marriage, but had begun to feel that it was perhaps too late to do anything about it.

No matter how distressing they may be, arguments are worthwhile *if they pave the way for understanding and agreement*. It cannot be emphasized strongly enough how futile it is to try to shut our eyes to differences of opinion at home. We feel their effects anyway. So long as we shy away from them, we merely

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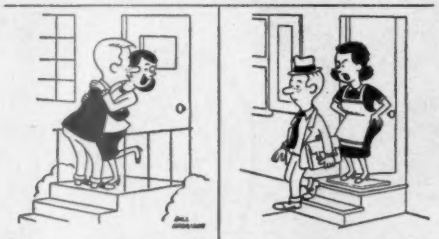

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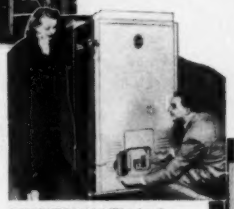

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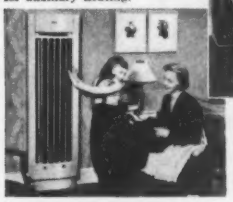

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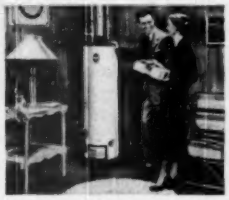

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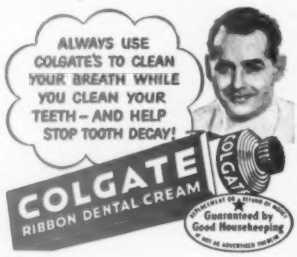

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Anonymous (As told to Arthur Stout)

My son is NOT going to college. This, of course, is heresy against present-day thinking. But I'll stick by it—even if my own father and I are both college graduates.

Pete, my boy, is going to be a craftsman after he finishes high school, and I think he'll be a good one. Nowadays the world needs a lot of intelligent men in crafts and manual trades. It can get along without so many misfits with college degrees.

Let's get one thing straight. This isn't a case of sour grapes. I have a good job. My daughter is a college freshman. I can afford to send Pete through, too. I just think he'll be happier and more of an asset to society as a good bulldozer operator or draftsman than as a second-rate professional man. Pete thinks so too.

Pete's mother didn't particularly like the idea at first. I wasn't sure about it myself. So I did some investigating—saw a couple of plant personnel managers and talked to the principal of our vocational high school. All of them were astonished that anyone doubted young people without college degrees could be successful.

They told me about Ray, who had just started college when he was drafted. After flying airplanes during the war, he married his high-school sweetheart. When Ray heard that his new father-in-law, a man of some influence, was going to do all right for him, he hit the roof, grabbed his bride and a suitcase, and left town in a jeep.

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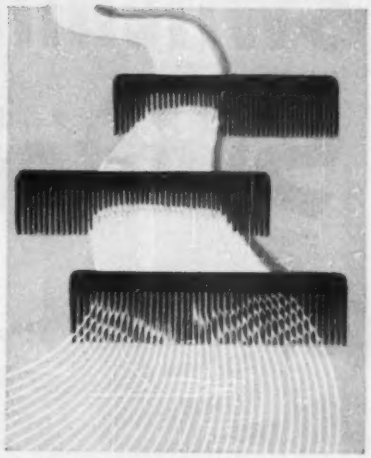

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PIECRUST: Preheat oven 450° F. Sift together **1 c. sifted flour** and **½ tsp. salt.** Cut in **½ c. Swift'ning** until particles are the size of small peas. Sprinkle with about 2 or 3 tbsp. water, a little at a time. Toss together lightly. Use only enough water to hold dough together. Press gently into a ball. On lightly floured surface, roll into a circle ⅛" thick. Fit into an 8" pie pan. Trim, leaving ½" beyond edge of pan. Fold this under and press down with fork. Indent edge to mark number of servings; prick pastry. Bake 12 to 15 min.

FILLING: Boil **½ c. sugar** and ⅓ c. water to soft ball stage (235° F.). Pour syrup, in a fine stream, over **2 stiffly beaten egg whites** beating constantly. Soften **2 tsp. gelatin** in 2 tbsp. cold water; dissolve over hot water. Combine with egg white mixture. Beat 1 min. Add **½ tsp. salt** and **1 tbsp. lemon juice.** Cool, while beating **½ pt. whipping cream.** Fold both together. Pour into cooled pie shell; chill till set. Serve with whipped cream border and **1 c. fresh raspberries** in center. Press this **Raspberry Sauce** through a sieve; add enough water to make 1 cup. Gradually blend this with **½ c. sugar** and **1 tbsp. cornstarch.** Stir constantly over medium heat until thickened and clear. Reduce heat. Cook 10 min., stirring constantly. Cool.

Digestible! Nutritious!

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My boy's not going to go to college

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living in campus dormitories and trailers. He and another lad have made a real killing. They now plan to change over their production lines to knocked-down furniture kits which anyone with a hammer, a tube of glue, and a paintbrush can assemble.

These young men are on their way and moving fast. College probably would have held *them* back. Admittedly, every youngster isn't geared to grab the breaks as they did, but consider Bob, who changed his mind about going to college. He actually re-enlisted in the army to get enough G.I. credits for four years of college, but when he got back from Europe in '46, he was too late to get into college that fall.

Bob got a $10-a-day job as a carpenter's helper, largely because he wanted to buy a car. Once he got to working, he changed his mind completely about going to college. Instead he went to a Diesel school with the money he had saved. Now he makes $60 a week—steady work, no layoffs. He plans to be married this fall, and laughs at his sisters whose education cost the family a lot of money. Neither of them earn as much as he does.

Money isn't the only thing Pete and I have thought about. But such instances as these show that there are arguments against college from the dollar angle. There are statistics too.

Even now the cash value of college training is a subject of bitter discussion in many professional circles. A civil engineer, for example, must spend years in low-paying jobs before he starts getting more than some of the skilled artisans he supervises.

Look at these figures which appeared in the *Clemson Slip Stick:* "Based on prevailing wages today, converted into annual income, the following categories of labor receive the following income, based on 50 weeks of employment: apprentice bricklayers, $3,250; bricklayers, $4,550; carpenters, $3,575; electricians, $3,900; painters, $3,900; structural steel workers, $4,550."

A $4,500 civil engineer today must be able to handle "duties of substantial difficulty and responsibility, requiring professional training, previous experience, and independent judgment." I was a full-fledged engineer a long time before I made as much as a bricklayer does now.

The Clemson article continues, " . . . It may be argued that the mechanical trades do not work full time, and actual wages are less than shown above. While this may be true to some extent, it should be borne in mind that the engineer is also subject to the vicissitudes of unemployment that reduce his average income. Today, the mechanical worker's loss of time is due, generally, to his preference not to work rather than to layoffs. This is not usually the case with engineers."

Furthermore, an analysis in *The Carpenter*, official publication of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, points out that a "healthy percentage of the nation's craftsmen is more than 45 years old." It adds, "For every 12 of these artisans soon to drop out of their particular fields, replacements are being trained as follows: 8 electricians, 4 sheet metal workers, 3 machinists, not quite 1 building tradesman, and less than ⅕ of 1 tool- and diemaker." Do you know of job opportunities like those in any field of engineering?

Mechanics and other skilled workers have other advantages. They have more leisure and fewer tensions than young professional and business people. I've never seen a shovel operator or a mason take home a brief case full of problems. Nor have I heard of one having a nervous breakdown from job pressures or social obligations.

Yet, if Pete were an *exceptionally* good student, I probably would want to see him go to college. Pete gets through his schoolwork with passing marks, but he isn't outstanding. I wasn't an honor student

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BUDGET BUSTERS

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Have you ever tried off-center arrangement?

By Ruth W. Lee

If you must fit both a chest and a chair into narrow wall space: hang your shelves or pictures off-center. Line up one edge of the shelves with edge of the chest. Hanging shelves look rather heavy, so wall ornament beside them helps the lamp on the chest balance the arrangement

If you want to keep large pictures in full view over a small desk: line up one edge of pictures with desk edge. Lamp on opposite corner of desk will balance pictures without hiding either one. Lubliner and Himmel decorated both rooms

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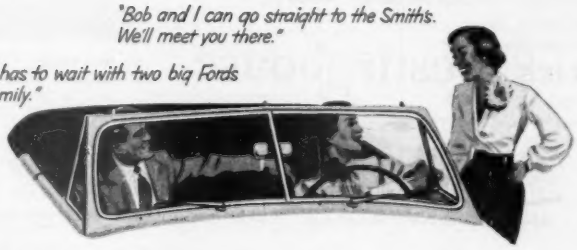

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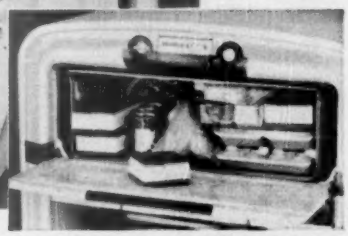

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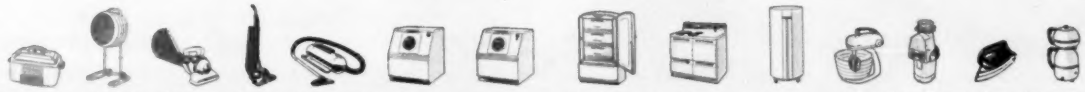

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Rising again!

By Myron L. Matthews

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Here are the reasons for the upward trend which will continue through the 1951 building season:

1. A great number of prospective home-builders—who waited patiently through four years for prices to come down—have decided to wait no longer, thus adding to the demand for building materials and building labor.
2. The government policy of easier loans has made money easier to get than materials.
3. Wage demands of building craftsmen are following the upward trend of all union wages.
4. Deficit spending by the government is making money cheap, and helping to inflate all costs.

Two other factors affect the picture in scattered areas. Rent decontrol in some places has caused rents to rise enough so that homeownership seems more tempting than renting. Similarly, veterans are no longer getting first chance at new housing everywhere; thus, large numbers of recently married couples can now buy or build the houses they want with less restriction.

How much will prices rise? In some areas, where the housing shortage has been satisfied, prices may not rise. In the country as a whole, however, costs will probably rise 4 or 5 percent between now and January, 1952.

The same influences causing prices of new homes to rise are also affecting existing houses. Old house prices, which doubled from 1941 to 1947, then dropped off about 30 percent, are again tending to rise. The rise is expected to be slight, and will not hold throughout 1951. Prices of old houses may drop even sooner, if too many owners of these houses scramble to unload them at the same time.

Mr. Matthews is vice-president of The Dow Service, Incorporated—a construction-news reporting and building-cost analyzing agency.

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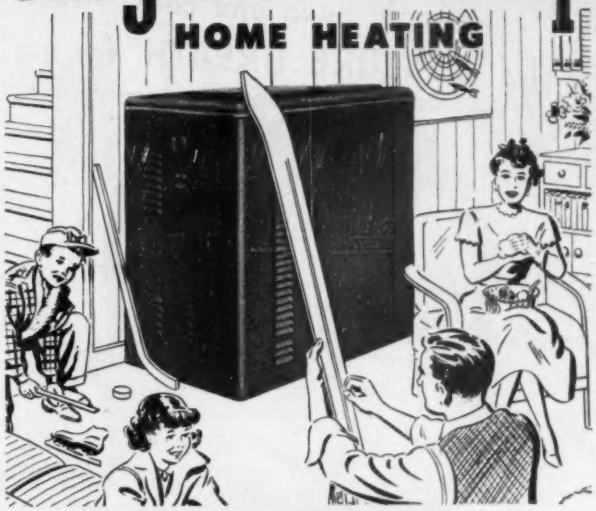

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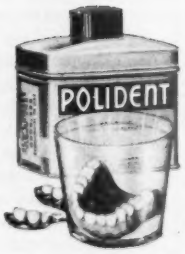

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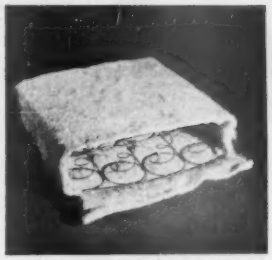

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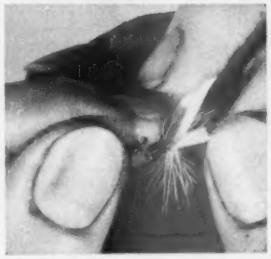
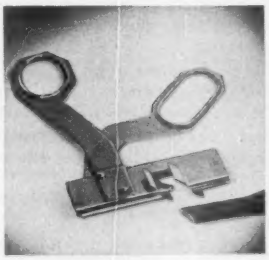
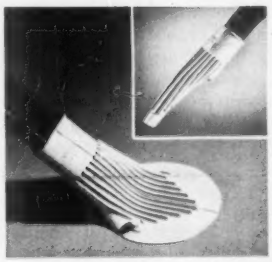


Leader snap clip makes it easy for you to switch flies in midstream. You can change bait with cold, stiff fingers, even after dark, by applying slight pressure on fly or plug eye against opening of snap. There is no need to break and re-tie leader. Snap between fly or plug and leader gives bait a free, natural action because it is not held stiffly. Clip is made of spring wire, so it snaps closed holding bait securely. Small-size clip floats with dry fly. The larger sizes hold other types of bait. *Kwik-Change Leader Snaps*, 6 for 25c, ppd., (2 each of 3 sizes). Cheshire Industries, 11 Gill St., New Haven 11, Conn.



Flower cutter slices stems cleanly at an angle. Flowers stay fresh longer when stem is uncrushed and able to take in more water. Cutting is done with single blade, so stem is not squeezed by being pressed between two blades. *Wiltless Flower Cutter*, chrome plated, $3.95; enamel finish, $2.50, in stores or plus postage from manufacturer. Ullman Co., 81 Harrison Ave., Northampton, Mass.



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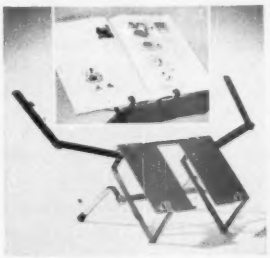

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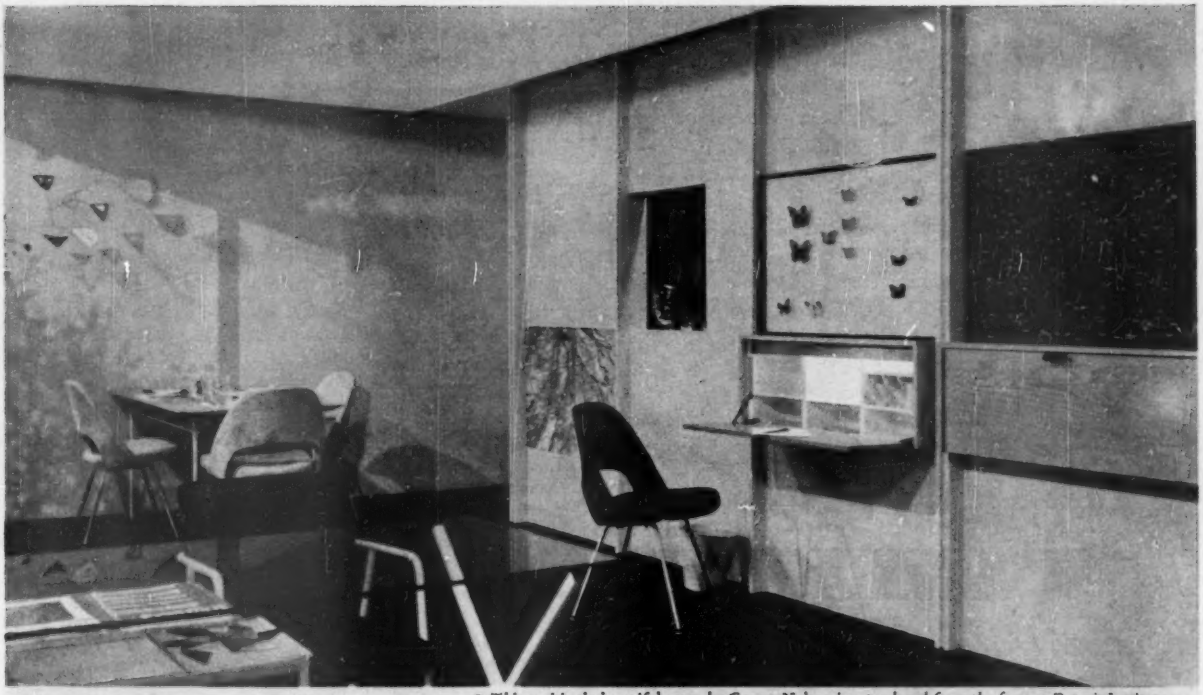

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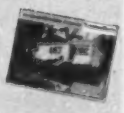

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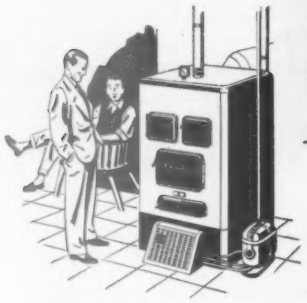

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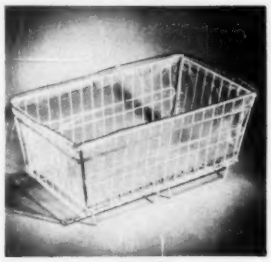
Faucet washer wears many times longer because the face of the washer swivels with the faucet seat surface each time the faucet is operated. Swivel action eliminates much of the friction and pressure that wear out washers. Spring prong holds washer firmly in place, yet allows free action of washer facing. Will fit most standard faucets. *Snap-In Swivel Washer*, 25c, in stores. Snap Products Corp., 153 West Hubbard St., Chicago 10, Ill.

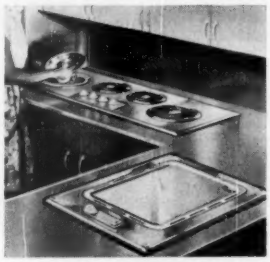
Photographic murals of mountains, seashore, desert will brighten up recreation rooms, children's rooms, dark walls, dull views, problem rooms. Black and white or sepia mural measures 7'6"x15', can be trimmed and shaped to fit unusual walls (as illustrated—view is "Jackson Lake"). Washable mural is put on like wallpaper. *Foto Mural*, under $40, plus installation, in stores. Also available in full color, 40"x60", window size. Foto Murals of California, 672 South Lafayette Park Place, Los Angeles, Calif.

Portable icebox for your car trunk carries ice, food, drinks, or freshly caught fish on ice, stays cold for 72 hours. All aluminum, Fiberglas-insulated box won't rust, has watertight seams. Ice container included. Refrigerator has trunk latches, no-pinch handles, brass plug at side to drain off water. *Thermaster Portable Refrigerator*, 21" x10"x12", $16.95, in stores. Poloron Products, Inc., 55 Avenue E, New Rochelle, N.Y.

Trailer hitch for tricycles makes it easy for any young child to hitch and unhitch wheeled toys to his tricycle. Lessens accidents; prevents broken spokes and damaged wagon handles from using string or rope hitches. Rugged cast-aluminum hitch has two bolts that tighten on any standard tricycle just above the crossbar. *Trike-Hitch*, 89c, in stores. Kar-Lin Co., 7101 Oliver Ave., Minneapolis 19, Minn.



Laundry basket of white enameled steel wire holds 40 pounds of wet clothes, folds flat to hang up or store away. Plastic liner slips on to protect clothes and prevent dripping. Metal skids keep clothes two inches from floor. Basket is 10"x 14½"x26", large enough to double as a bassinet. *Folding Laundry Basket* with liner, $4.95, in stores or ppd. W. F. Meyer & Sons, Inc., 1494 Merchandise Mart Plaza, Chicago 54, Ill.



Built-in electric griddle fits right into your existing kitchen counter top to provide an auxiliary cooking center for hamburgers, pancakes, bacon and eggs. Stainless-steel frame is 25" long by 17½" wide. Aluminum grid and recessed grease cup are removable for cleaning. Requires separate circuit and 3-wire service. *Thermador Bilt-In Electric Griddle*, $57.50, F.O.B. Thermador Electric Mfg. Co., 5119 District Blvd., Los Angeles 22, Calif.

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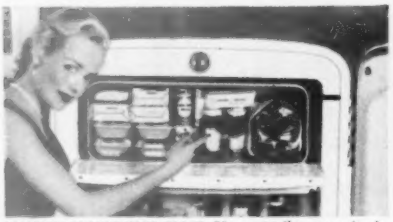

COMPARE FROZEN FOOD SPACE: Up to 80 lbs. capacity in new Kelvinators; 50 lbs. in model illustrated. Here's safe, polar cold for packaged frozen foods, ice cream, meats and ice cubes. Full meals at your fingertips!

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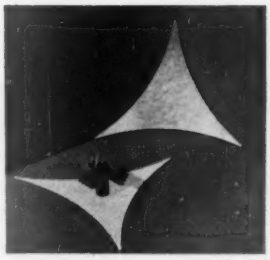
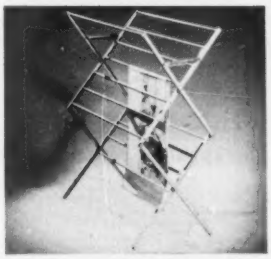
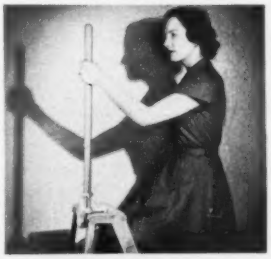


Corner shields keep the dirt and dust from hard-to-clean crannies, can be installed with just the pressure of your thumb. Shield has teeth that bite into the wood, holding it permanently in place. Neutral beige-colored metal blends unobtrusively with any woodwork. *Presto Corner Shields*, 23c pair, in stores or ppd. from manufacturer. Ace Specialty Mfg. Co., Inc., 6333 Cedar Ave., Minneapolis 19, Minn.



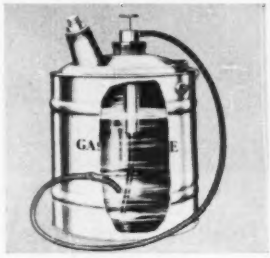
Aluminum dryer has staggered dowels that allow laundry to hang freely without touching or dripping on clothes hanging on lower set of dowels. Bars are smoothly finished to protect finest materials from snagging. Aluminum resists rust, acid stains, and corrosion. Rubber-footed dryer collapses for storing. *Indoor Dryer*, 30 feet of drying space, in stores or from manufacturer, plus postage. Shipped knocked down, $3.99. Quaker Stretcher Co., Kenosha, Wis.



Sky hook for top-of-the-ladder house cleaning gives you something to cling to while washing ceilings, painting, or repairing. Bar clamps to top step of folding stepladders. Keeps your weight on the ladder, lessens strain, increases safety. Ladder bar is as serviceable as a railing on a dark staircase. *Vertical Balance Bar*, $2, ppd. MacLeod Safety Device, 411 S. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville, Ill.

Patching porcelain-type material fills up ugly chipped spots on your stove, refrigerator, freezer, sink. Dries to a white, glossy finish; fills chipped-out spots to height of rest of surface. Plastic-base filler dries in 24 hours. Requires no baking or special work, just needs sandpapering before and after patching. *Porcelene*, 50c tube, ppd. Each tube makes 2 to 3 repairs. Porcelene, Inc., Sheboygan, Wis.

Coffee dispenser clamps on the top of a coffee can and ejects one tablespoon of coffee with each turn of the handle. Plastic cap will fit any 1- or 2-pound standard-sized vacuum-packed coffee can. Dispenser opening closes off when not in use to seal contents from air. Stays on until all the coffee is used and then can be transferred to other cans. *Coffee Dispenser*, 59c, in stores. Serva-Matic Corp., 556 W. Fulton St., Chicago 6, Ill.



Gasoline pump transfers fuel from can or automobile to tanks of power lawn mower, power cultivator, outboard motor, and other equipment. Pump screws tightly on the top of standard gasoline can. Gasoline-resistant hose with strainer and shutoff has a spring clip for attaching to fuel tank. *Lu-Mar Gasoline Pump*, $2.95 (without gas can). Strainer and shutoff, 50c. Hose with additional 3-foot length for use in pumping gasoline from your automobile tank, 30c. In stores or from manufacturer, plus postage. Lucas Screw Products, Inc., 950 Exchange St., Rochester 8, N.Y.

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GARDEN NEWS

reported by Dr. R. Milton Carleton

Spanish moss makes ideal mulch

A by-product from an upholstering material is proving to be a superior mulch for lawns and gardens. Wastes from turning Spanish moss into furniture stuffing have been piling up along Louisiana streams for over 50 years. The waste has decomposed to form a springy mass which tests have shown to be ideal for mulching and for mixing with soil to add humus. The material is now on the market.

Alkaline soil may stop elm disease

The key to controlling Dutch elm disease may lie in keeping the soil alkaline. Stopping this tree-destroyer just by using lime seems too good to be true, but my own observations lead to that conclusion.

For instance, several trees in Denver became infected with the disease. At the same time, beetles which spread the infection increased alarmingly, and conditions were right for a serious outbreak of the disease. But instead of spreading, it died out by itself. Denver soils, significantly, are highly alkaline.

On the other hand, the disease is worst in New England where most soils are strongly acid. Also significant is the fact that the new chemical announced as helpful against the disease ("Have You Heard?", April, 1950) makes soil strongly alkaline. Hence, it seems wise in areas where Dutch elm disease is prevalent to lime the soil in which the trees grow, as well as to carry out a complete tree-feeding program.

New sweetpea resists heat

The new hot-weather-resistant Cuthbertson sweetpea, Ruth, looks like a valuable addition to the strain of sweetpeas which will stand summer heat in the South and Middle West. I saw Ruth growing in trial plots in California. The color is a bright, clear pink, and the stems are unusually long. Seed will be on sale to the public next year.

At last—a truly pink delphinium

Now you can have a pink delphinium that is really pink. It is the new Astalote series of Pacific hybrids, and compares favorably with other delphiniums of this group in size of floret and stem length. The lighter pinks are beautiful. Some of the deeper colors tend toward magenta and raspberry, and seem a bit harsh to me, but they may appeal to those who want something new in delphiniums. The light colors, though, are so lovely that you'll be repaid for growing the Astolate series even if you decide later to weed out the darker colors.

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A NEW KIND OF FURNITURE!

Hollywood style Coloramic, $89.95* with 4 chairs. Brass or silver grey legs. Daystromite top in limed oak, chartreuse, grey or green wood grain finish. Chairs upholstered in red, green, yellow, chartreuse or grey Stardust.

Daystrom's own Coloramic

You'll love Coloramic, the wonderful new Daystrom furniture that combines the strength of metal with the soft beauty of wood finishes! Coloramic is sturdy steel, smoothly sheathed in rich-hued plastic. Coloramic's loveliness resists fading, chipping, cracking—blooms for years even with the hardest wear! Restful chairs are covered with washable upholstery. The sleek-lined table is topped with oak grain Daystromite, the wonder plastic that begs for hard wear. At your favorite furniture or department store.

Daystrom's new Playdine

Entertaining? For dinner at 8, or cards at 9, the answer is Playdine! For dining, it's a handsome table with the wonderful, durable Daystromite top. Later, the top slides smoothly and easily aside—and you have a versatile game table with two convenient playing levels, both felt-covered! Safe, secure places for glasses, chips, ash trays, too. Remember, only Daystrom has Playdine!

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Clinkers improve heavy soils

If your yard has a heavy-soil problem, you'll be interested in experiments now under way at the University of California. Scientists there are testing various materials which will loosen soil and yet won't break down or decompose.

Organic materials, of course, will loosen heavy soil, but they decompose and disappear. The new materials last indefinitely. One of the best so far is formed by burning a certain natural oil-impregnated earth. The tremendous heat forms hard, porous cinders or clinkers which keep their porosity when mixed into soil, allowing excess water to drain away and air to penetrate the soil. Another good material is a volcanic rock from the mountains. Incidentally, these materials are still experimental, so don't waste time trying to buy them.

Plant disease-resistant red raspberries

If you are planning to set out red raspberries this fall, you'll do well to concentrate on the varieties Marcy, Milton, Indian Summer, and September. At least, that's the recommendation of the New York State Experiment Station. These varieties are not badly injured by mosaic disease, and will usually produce a good crop even if infected. Check with your local nurseryman to see which of these varieties will grow well in your area. Indian Summer and September, incidentally, are so-called everbearing raspberries which produce one crop in summer, another one in fall.

Modern roses smell as good as old ones

People who insist that plant scientists have bred most of the fragrance out of roses aren't backed up by the facts. I recently had a chance to visit the famous Descanso Gardens in La Canada, California, and saw the collection of roses of the last 450 years. The collection is arranged historically, starting with roses introduced about 1500, and ending with modern roses of today. The director of the gardens, Dr. Walter Lammerts, proved to me that there is a greater percentage of fragrant varieties among modern roses than among the old ones.

Incidentally, Doctor Lammerts has a trick worth copying if you have any shy-blooming roses that you want to force into flower. He bends the long canes down to the ground and pins them with long wire staples. Dormant flower buds along the arch of the cane are forced into growth, and the entire shrub becomes a mass of bloom.

Daisies dislike heat

Recent discoveries explain why many of the daisy-like flowers (*Compositae*) like Shasta daisies, asters, dahlias, and chrysanthemums produce distorted growth like that caused by a number of diseases. Plants of this type are very sensitive to too much heat, and show it by producing irregular flowers; sometimes the entire plant may be stunted. The damage is worse near stone walls or on the south sides of white houses, where reflected heat raises the temperature still more. You can prevent such trouble by locating the plants away from such heat reflectors, and in places where air circulation will help to keep the temperature down.

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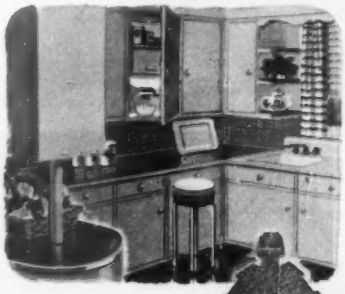
HOW *to Save Kitchen Steps.*

Even with a slender budget, you won't have to stint on kitchen cabinets—if you build them with economical Masonite Hardboards. Here, the cabinet ends and backs are 3/16" Standard Presdwood. Cabinet doors and counter tops are of Tempered Presdwood for extra wear resistance. Walls are Temprtile—easy to clean as a china dish. Remember—all Masonite Hardboards finish beautifully.



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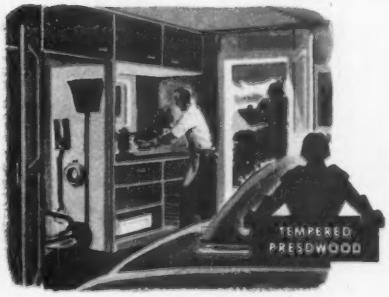

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HOW *to Stretch a Small Garage.*

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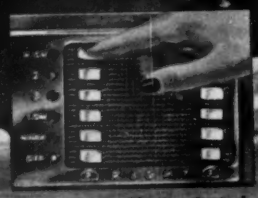

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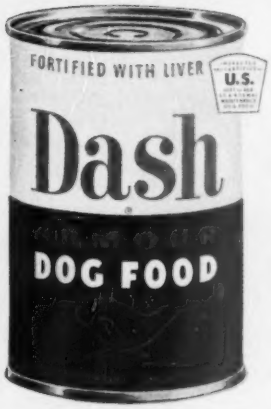

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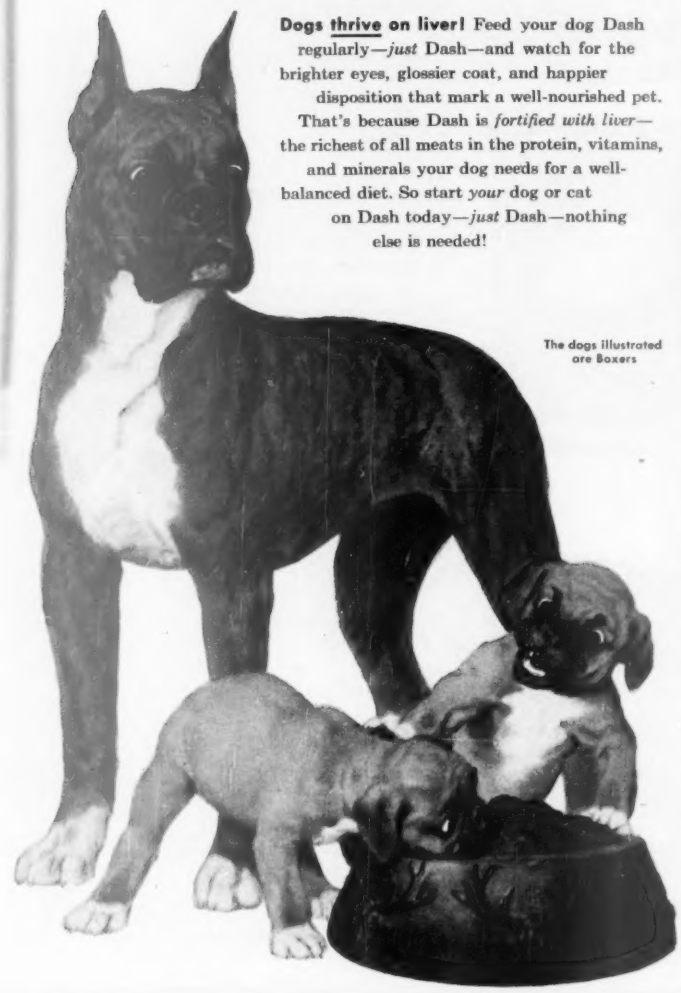

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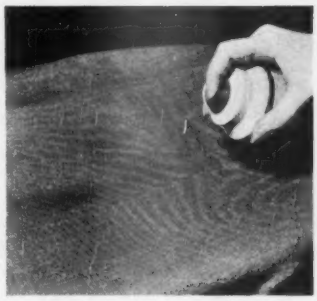

Spray away grease spots or stains with noninflammable cleaning spray. When you're through, there'll be no telltale ring to mark the spot. Just spray over stain lightly from a distance of 12 to 18 inches and wipe vigorously with a cloth

Take the work out of waxing the family car by using a spray wax. Clean the car thoroughly; spray wax on car. When dry, polish lightly with a soft cloth. Wax car in a garage or protected spot out of wind, sun to avoid waste and streaking. You can use a spray wax on boats, trailers, furniture, too

Tuck a small fire extinguisher in the glove compartment of your car when you're going camping or on a picnic. Then you can handle the fire if it should get out of hand. The spray throws a 12- to 18-foot stream of carbon tetrachloride. It's a good precaution, too, to keep fire extinguishers handy both in your garage and house

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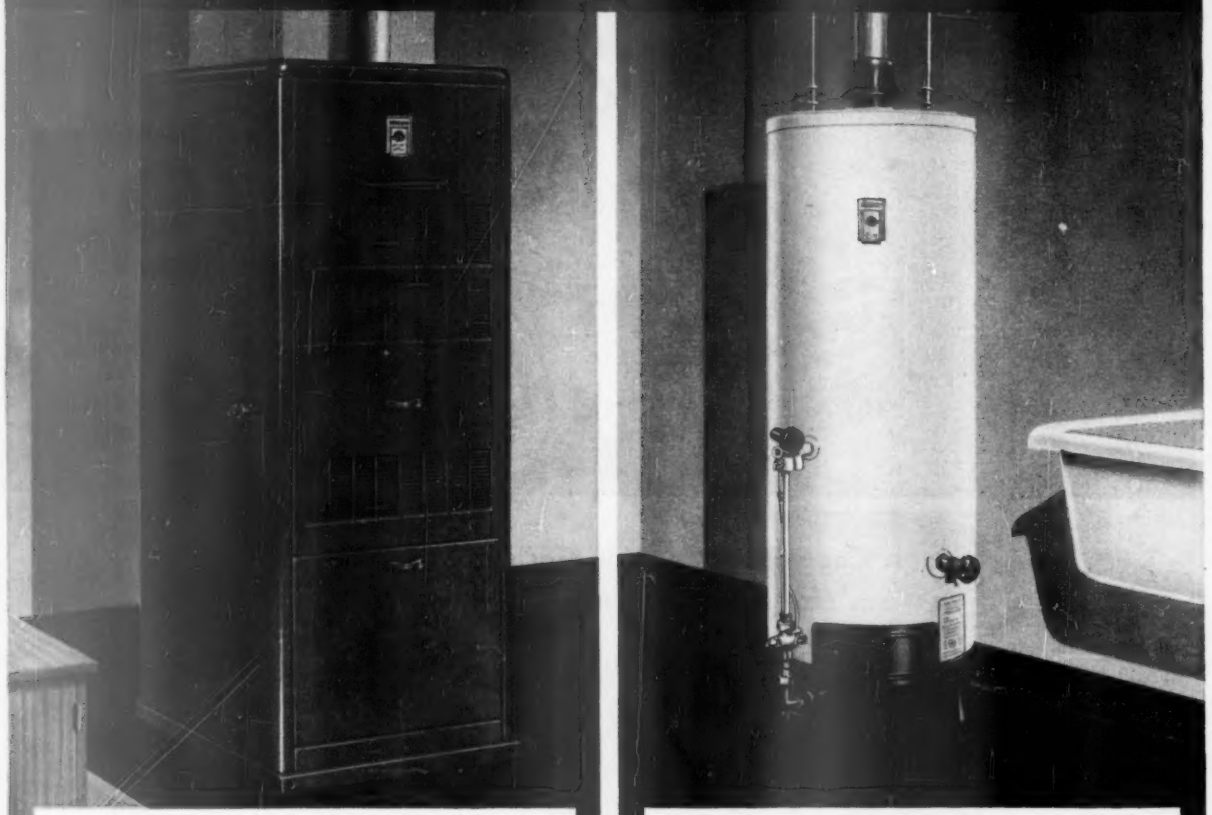

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There's an extra room in your house

By James M. Liston

Could you use an extra room in your house? Would you like to get it without building an addition? It will be well worth your time, then, to investigate what we mean when we say here that there *is* an extra room in your house.

Do we mean that there's a room in your home that you haven't discovered? We mean exactly that. Do we mean to say that it's right there under the same roof, lying empty and unused? It's probably far from empty, and it is being used—but it's not being used to full advantage. The room you're looking for, the room you've dreamed about, is hidden in space that's poorly organized at present.

You may find your extra room in a *bedroom*—if you want the flexible type of room shown here.

If the room you envision is the kind you find on the next page, you may discover it on a *porch* that's used only a few months of the year. If your living area is too small, your solution may be found in a *basement*, an *attached garage*, or a *dining room*. Your extra room is where you find it—wherever space is not paying its way—as you'll see on following pages.

If a den-guest room like this would solve your problems, why not make one of your bedrooms work round the clock?

As a sewing room, this bedroom gets daytime use, pays its way

When guests arrive, you can welcome them into a room like this

From the J. E. Dempsey home, Glencoe, Illinois. Decorator: Paul MacAlister

Sofa bed and a large guest closet spell hospitality

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There's an extra room in your house

continued

This room was once an unused porch

You may find it hard to believe, but the beautiful room shown here was developed from what was once a screened, open porch. The Louis D. Thornes, Kansas City, had to do some remodeling to get it, of course, but the important thing they did was to furnish it with the good taste and quality a living room deserves. Too many people make the mistake of furnishing a year-around porch with castoffs, then wonder why the room is seldom used, why it's just another enclosed porch.

There's no question of this porch standing idle, of its failing to take the strain off the living room when large groups are being entertained. Decorator Peggy Sloan helped the Thornes make it the most inviting room in the house with the addition of heat, a fireplace, comfortable chairs, and a restful color scheme. Stone pillars of the old porch pair up nicely with the rustic beamed ceiling.

An exposed basement made this possible

This is a basement room. It's not the usual rumpus or recreation room that stands idle when the family is not in a party mood. This is a *lived-in* room the family uses constantly. It's a cool retreat in summer; a snug, firelit room in the winter. And it's a room you don't apologize for when you entertain; guests feel that this is truly a *living* room, a room that makes an evening of simple entertainment eventful.

If your home is located on a slope and part of your basement is exposed—or if your basement is high and dry—that area of your home is ready and waiting for a room like this.

The Herman R. Sutherlands, Kansas City, and Architect Morton Payne, used V-jointed planking for the walls, a beamed ceiling, and a brick floor to get the Early American atmosphere they wanted. Since most basements need all the light they can get, the light green walls and white ceiling are practical for a room of this type. And because basement windows are often high and small, a big built-in bookcase like that shown here supplies needed interest.

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There's an extra room in your house

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An attached garage is a ready-made addition

If you have an attached garage that is heated, or to which heat could easily be added, your extra room may be found there—as was this attractive room in the R. P. Fagen home, Des Moines.

A lot depends, of course, on how badly you want the room you have in mind. The man of the house may have a hard time deciding whether he wants to shelter his car in a heated garage—or let the family bus shiver in a carport while he warms himself at the fireplace of a new room. But it's easier and cheaper to build another garage—as the Fagens did—than to add a wing to your home.

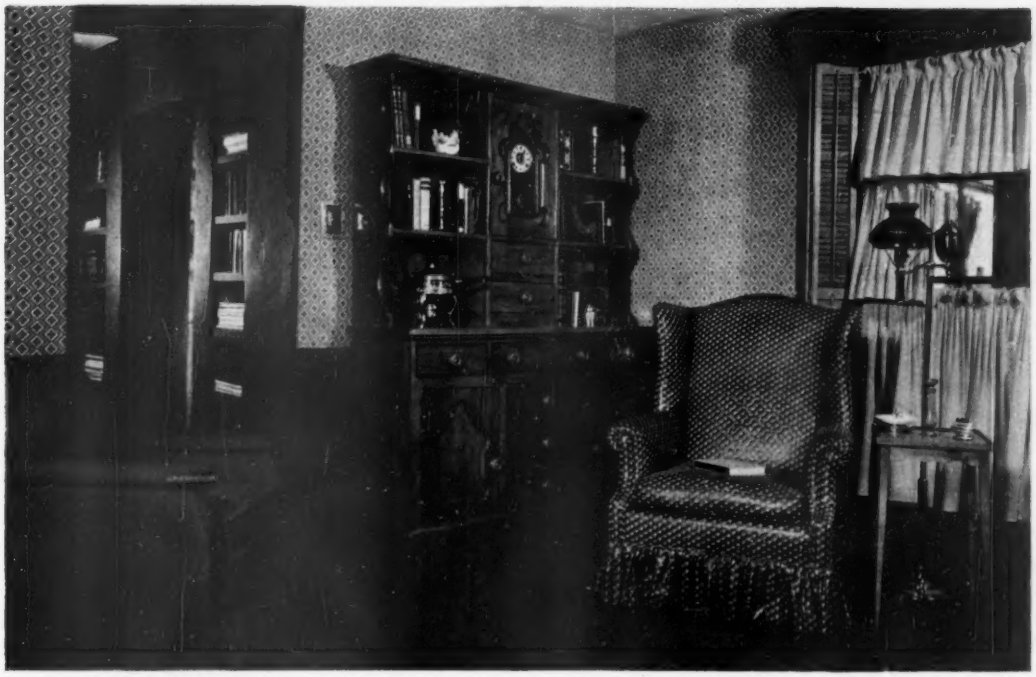
One entire wall of this old garage was glazed to give the room a garden view. The garage doors were replaced with a barbecue-fireplace, the room was paneled with wood, and a small bay was added for a window seat. Cane-type furniture brings garden colors into the room.

Is your dining room idle most of the time?

If you're looking for an extra room in your house, ask yourself: Are all our rooms paying their way? Is our dining room, for example, worth its keep? The Frank Korans, Los Angeles, came up with this family-television room when they realized that their full-size dining room stood idle most of the time.

They substituted a pine drop-leaf table under the window for the heavy dining table that had formerly held the middle of the floor. They moved in their television set and comfortable chairs and made it a room for living as well as dining.

They did more than that, of course, because they wanted a *new* room, not just a rearrangement. The easy-to-live-in look of the room can be traced to informal Early American furnishings. And Decorator Alfred Jackson's use of sharp, eye-catching colors creates a lively, congenial atmosphere.



Red-brown walls, white trim and brickwork against the green background make the Rose house sparkle. Effect of slope which exposes foundation wall is overcome by white-painted brick that keeps lines low. Note that clapboards have a pleasant irregularity, especially where knots occur. Railing encloses brick-floored terrace

One-story plans can be compact

to keep your walking to a minimum

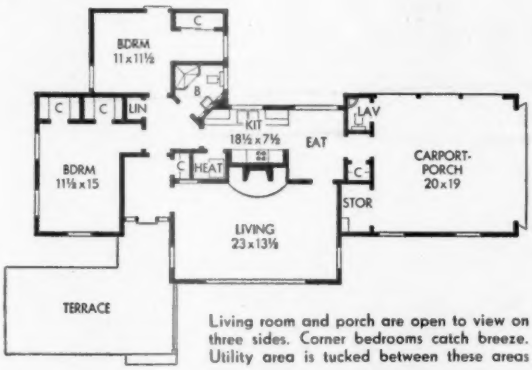
By Mort Reed, Jr.

A true Ranch house has one big advantage and one big disadvantage. The advantage is plenty of light and cross ventilation in all rooms; the disadvantage is the great distance between parts of the house.

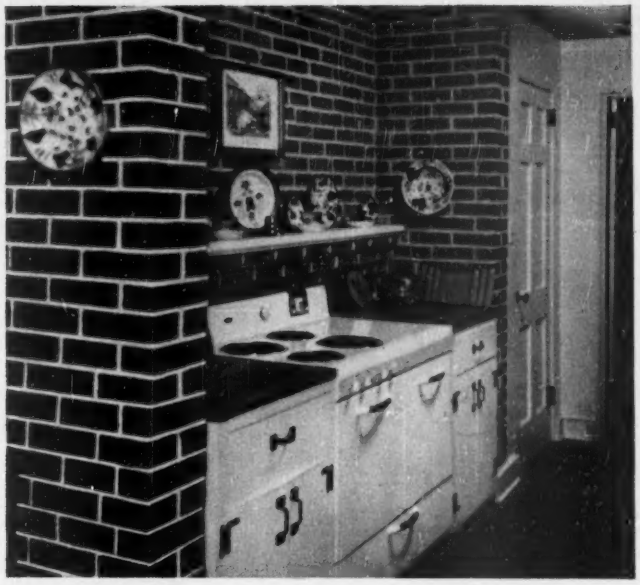
When Architect Henry Irven Gaines designed a home for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rose of Asheville, North Carolina, he kept the advantage and eliminated the disadvantage. The Rose house is basically Ranch-type, with a long street side, lots of windows, and all major rooms on corners. Yet working parts of the house are only a few steps apart.

This stepsaving was accomplished by wrapping living and sleeping areas around an L-shaped utility core. The result is a costsaver, too. Kitchen and bathroom plumbing, for instance, is arranged so one soil stack is sufficient. The bath is quickly reached from any part of the house; so is the kitchen. Yet there is little hall space.

If you're sold on the one-story Ranch-type house, let it spread out if you like, but keep it convenient to live in.



Living room and porch are open to view on three sides. Corner bedrooms catch breeze. Utility area is tucked between these areas

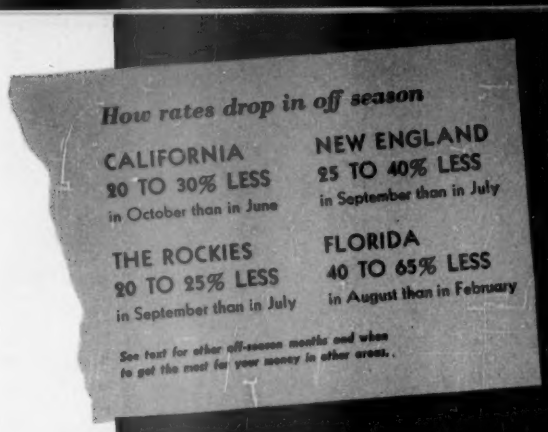


House is built around a huge brick wall with the fireplace on the living-room side, range and flanking counter space on the kitchen side. Unlike exterior brick, inside brick is not painted. Furnace, fireplace, and range are placed to exhaust through the same chimney

One of the plan's key features is this combination carport-porch. Solid wall shields it from street, while entire garden is open to view through vine-covered posts. Floor is painted concrete, sloped toward openings for drainage. Exterior walls are vertical board and batten

How to take a vacation you "can't afford"

By Hal Burton



It's only seven degrees warmer at Sarasota, Florida, on September 15 than it is on February 15, the height of the Florida season. But it's $15 a week cheaper for each member of your family at Florasota Gardens, luxurious new family apartment resort. And across the state at Daytona Beach, Ellinor Village, low-cost the year round, will pay $10 of your transportation, no matter how you travel, for each week your family stays during September, October, November, and December.

Up at the Ocean View Hotel, on the island of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, summer is the time when rooms are filled and accommodations are at a premium. Between July 4 and September 1, the temperature drops just 10 degrees, but the rates drop $5 a week for each of you after the latter date.

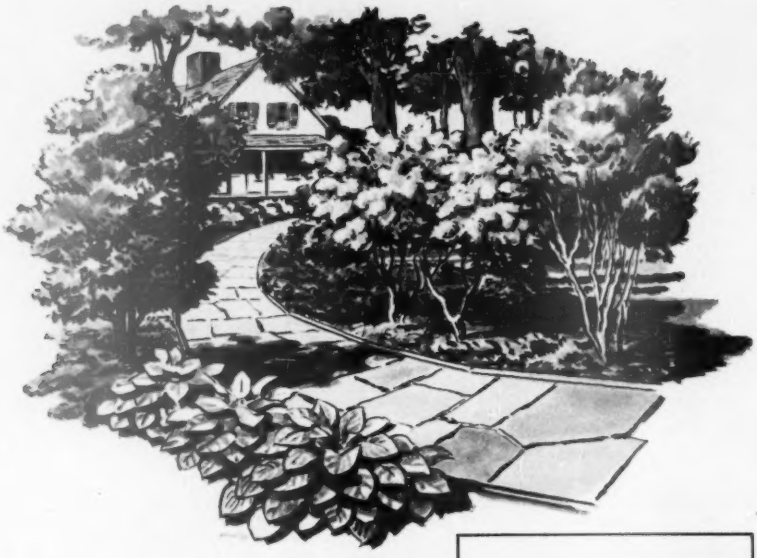
Out West, at the Wilderness Trails Ranch in Bayfield, Colorado, there'll be a nip in the morning air, and perhaps even frost on the grass early on the morning of September 15. The mercury may register 15 degrees lower than it did during the midsummer season, but there will be one big compensation. It will cost you $12.50 less per person for a week's stay high in the Rockies than it would during July, the peak of summer travel.

Multiply these examples by a thousand, at resorts from coast to coast, and you'll discover a new and exciting trend in American holidays. It's the off-season vacation, boon to the average American family of husband, wife, and two young children, with an average income and a taste for travel.

Wherever you live, or want to go, the rule for bargain vacations is a simple one: *Take your vacation when the crowds don't.* Go to Florida, for instance, from May through November. Visit New England, upstate New York, and Pennsylvania *before* late June, or *after* Labor Day. Choose the same periods for the Rocky Mountain States, the Pacific Northwest, and the mountain ranches of Arizona and New Mexico. And visit the desert resorts of the Southwest between [*Turn to page 147*

Paths and walks you'll want to make

By Douglas Baylis
Landscape Architect



Walks and paths are the highway system of your yard. Place them to form a direct path between the places you want to connect. If the route is too roundabout, people will take short cuts. Make your paths wide enough for easy walking. Provide good drainage with a base of rocks or gravel, especially if your soil is heavy; sandy soils need little drainage. The paths shown here are only a few of the many types you can build yourself.

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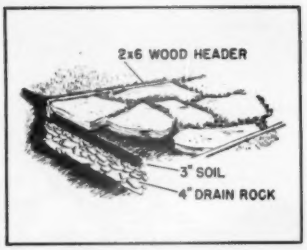
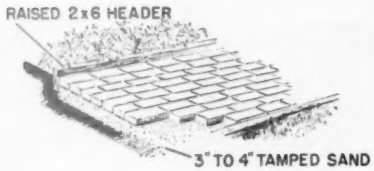
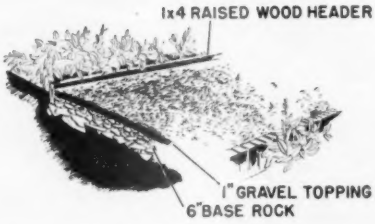
Flagstone is an old favorite path material, and one of the best if used right. By laying it on soil as shown at right, you can grow grass in joints. The foundation of crushed rock under soil layer is for drainage, can be omitted on light soils. You can also lay flagstones in mortar on a concrete base



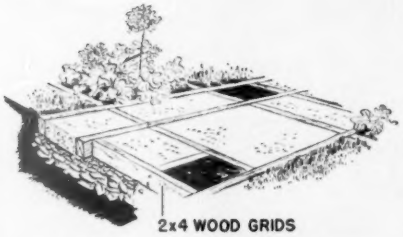
Four good walks you can depend on



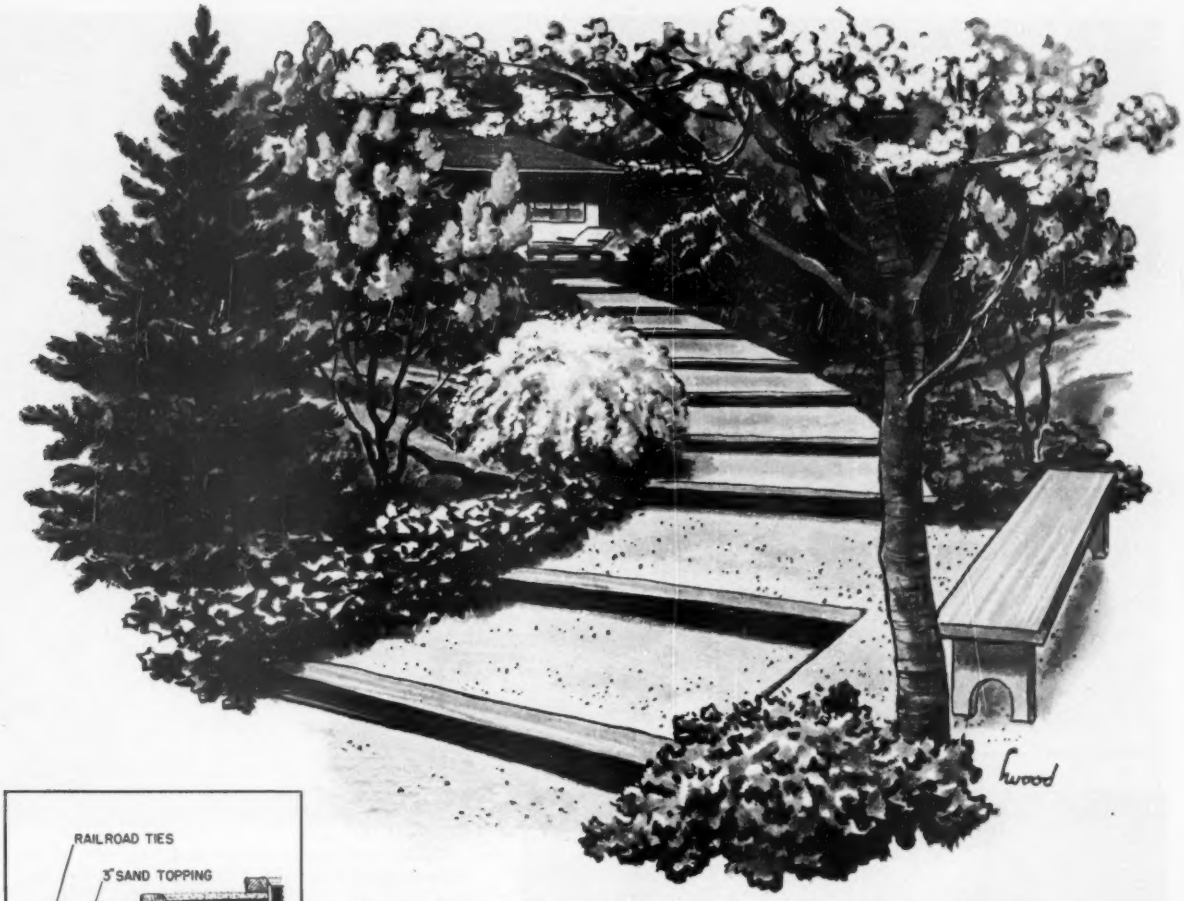
Brick will give a handsome, long-lived walk if laid on just 3 or 4 inches of tamped sand. Use wood or other edging, so bricks won't spread

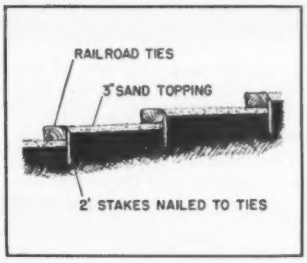


Many local materials—gravel, crushed brick, tanbark, clamshells, etc.—make good light-duty paths. A good drainage base is important



Concrete is the most versatile of all walk materials. Here is just one idea. When wood grids decay, replace them with brick or grass strips

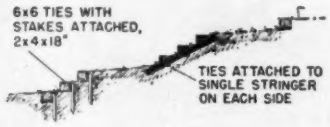


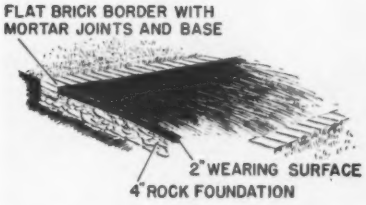


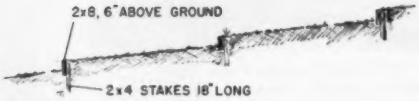
A stepped ramp will take a garden path over changes in level not great enough to require steps. Such a ramp is needed if path rises more than 1 foot in distance of 7 feet

The stepped ramp above uses railroad ties as shown at left. Logs, mortared bricks, concrete slabs, or any other suitable material can be used. Below are ideas on construction

There's more than one way to make a stepped ramp







Have you considered a black-top path? In some areas you can buy ready-mixed asphaltic concrete, or you can buy material to mix with sand

Planned for the comfort and fun of the whole family

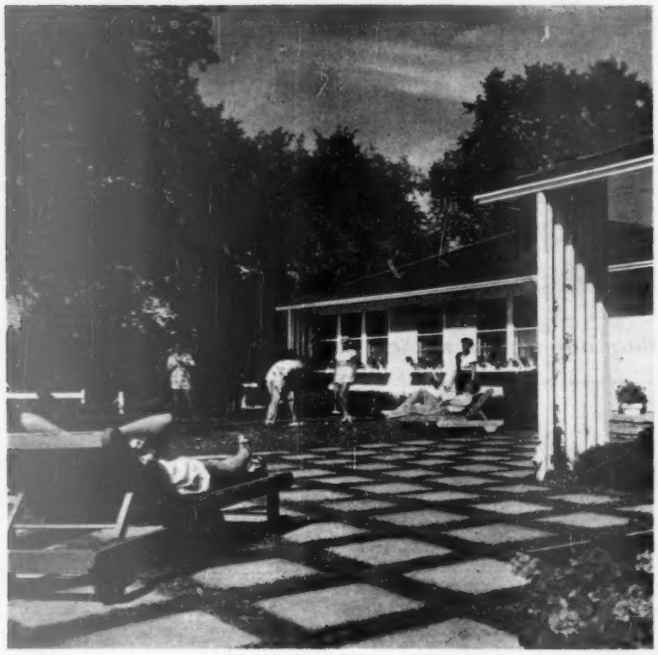
By Fleeta Brownell Woodroffe

Would you like more elbowroom without buying more land? Would you like to spend more of your time at home outdoors? Do you need space for games, not too far from the house? Play space for the children in all weather and easy to oversee? . . . All this on a narrow lot?

Here's a plan that provides all this and more.

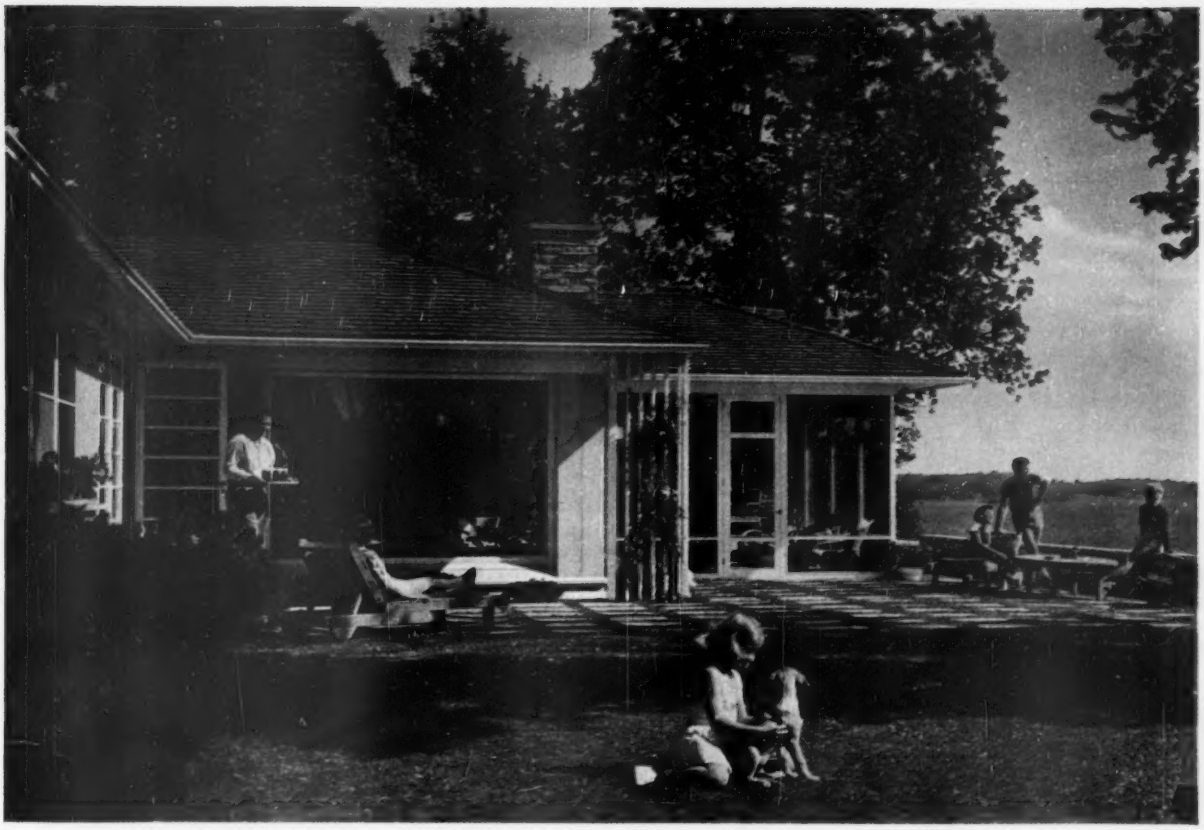
The Ralph C. Bagley home near Minneapolis sits astride a wooded knoll above one of picturesque Lake Minnetonka's many bays. The width of the knoll limits the living space to approximately that of a narrow city lot. But the house and the usable land about it have been so well designed that every foot contributes to the parents' or the children's pleasure.

Garage and service doors are on the side of the house away from the lake. This leaves a strip sheltered from the north and east by the house itself, a strip completely screened from the eyes of all but the family and their guests. This has been developed so that the Bagleys have what now amounts to a house that expands in summer.

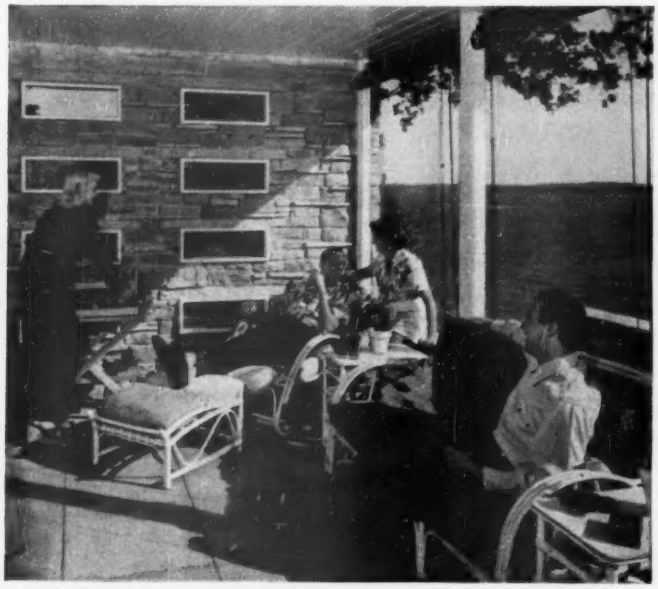


Precast squares of concrete set low in thrifty Minnesota bluegrass make a floor that takes real wear and accommodates the energetic wheeling of trikes and wagons in wet weather. Open lawn is site of variety of games

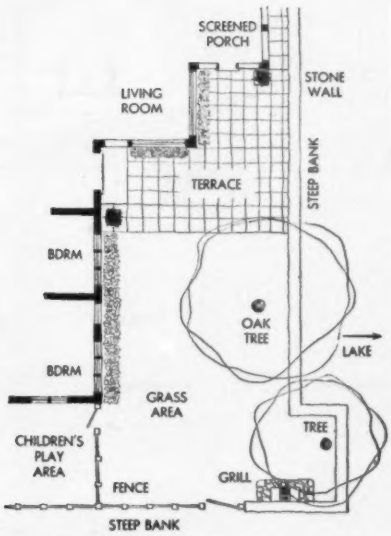
All the Bagleys think picnics at home are fun. A simple grill against the rear retaining wall holds steaks, skillets, and coffeepot above the curling wood smoke. Furniture is handy



Heart of the house is the comfortable family room from which long glassed doors open onto the roomy terrace. The big window in the living room also overlooks it, and the delightfully private screened porch is like a roofed extension. Karl E. Humphrey, Jr., was the architect



The porch is a magnet in all weather. Slat shades protect furniture from wind-blown rain. The decorative openings in stone wall let breezes in but not rain; they are screened so insects are never a problem, and are convenient lookouts to see who is coming up the drive

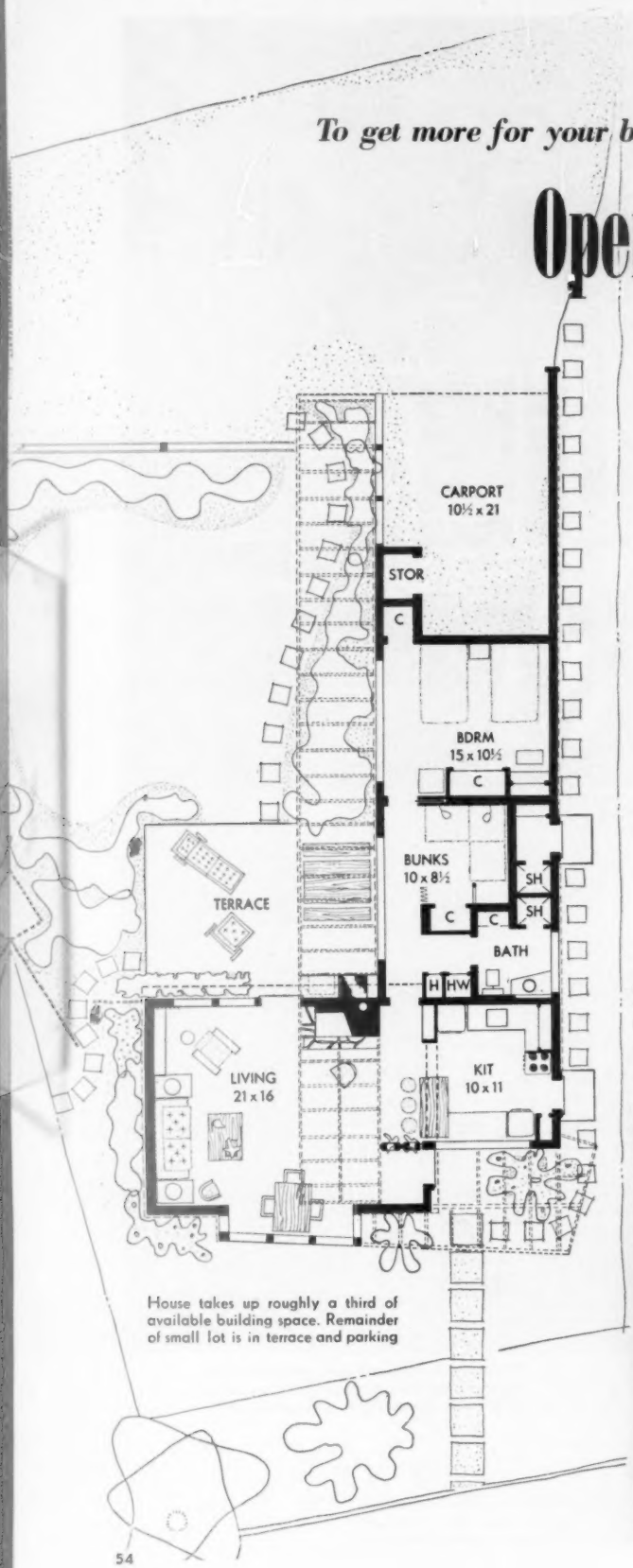


The children's rooms and their own play areas adjoin, so grown-up voices on the terrace don't disturb naps. A good plan—takes in everyone

To get more for your building dollar,

Open up your house

By Ethel McCall Head



House takes up roughly a third of available building space. Remainder of small lot is in terrace and parking

Given a small-house budget and a small lot, how can you get enough room for satisfying living?

That depends on what satisfying living means to you. If you like free-and-easy informality, your best bet is open planning, letting space flow together into activity areas with few partitions.

That's what Architect Harold Bissner did in his own house in Newport Beach, California. The house is small—barely 920 square feet. The lot is small—38-foot frontage, 65 at the back, 110 feet deep. But nowhere do you feel cramped or crowded.

Architect Bissner divided his house with three partitions into three parts. One area consists of entry, living and dining space, and kitchen. Another includes bathroom, bunk room, hall, outside shower room for bathers, linen storage, water heater, and furnace. The third area is the main bedroom.

Laundry equipment is in the kitchen, with a drying yard just outside the side door. The Bissners can eat at the bar separating kitchen [*Turn to page 112*

Good, low-cost construction is evident here. Walls are redwood clapboards applied vertically. Fixed panes of glass are separated by 2x4s dressed down to 3 inches. Molding over bay continues around corner as a trellis to maintain horizontal effect

Terrace is made private by fences on two sides, the house itself on the other two. Barbecue fireplace shares chimney with living-room fireplace. Awning-type windows ventilate living room

Openness predominates. Grill, however, partly shuts off view of bedroom hall from front door. Counter bar sets off kitchen

Structural members are treated as part of decorative scheme in living area, for economy as well as appearance. Colors are all subdued—soft pink ceiling, light turquoise walls, tan tile floor, and a faint pink tint on cement-block fireplace. Glass wall overlooks fenced-in terrace

Versatile green—in every room

One color pervades this home. Working with several shades of green, Decorator George Wiseman created an all-of-a-color scheme that gives both continuity and pleasing variety to the home of the Robert vom Cleffs, Pasadena, California. You see here what the color-scheme possibilities of green really are, how its varied shades can be used throughout a house without monotony. Decorator Wiseman combined it with beige and used it in living room, entrance hall, and kitchen. He paired it with yellow in the bedrooms.

Green is carried into bedroom and dressing room, combined with beige carpet, and with yellow-white-green wallpaper

By Martha B. Darbyshire

Beige draperies — used in all rooms except the kitchen — and beige carpeting provide a neutral background for a smooth flow of green. Small-scaled chairs in yellow leather are used for supplementary seating for television

Dado, ceiling, and chintz curtains carry green into kitchen where it's combined with sunny yellow

For television, lounge chairs are turned to face the set. Small chairs are designed for balanced tilting. Beige is carried to the wall in pair of old French water colors

Rich natural colors complement the scheme: carefully selected used brick, mellow tones of cherry tavern chairs, coffee table

You can get help with your decorating problems at a Home Planning Center. You'll find the Center nearest you listed on page 169

Windows at rear bring in plenty of sunlight. Projecting bay in living room provides a pleasant break in wall without disturbing the straight eave line

Better Homes & Gardens Five Star Home No. 2008

Its extras pay for themselves!

Living room has open ceiling, brick fireplace wall, broad, shallow bay. Wood above bay is carried around the room as a plant shelf

Passage from front door to bedrooms is actually part of living room. Ceiling formed by plant shelf, strongly grained plywood panels, and furniture create hall actually and visually

House is built of concrete block except for clapboards on gable ends. Deeply raked joints between top courses of blocks accentuate clapboard lines. House has no gutters; lower wall is tan so mud won't show

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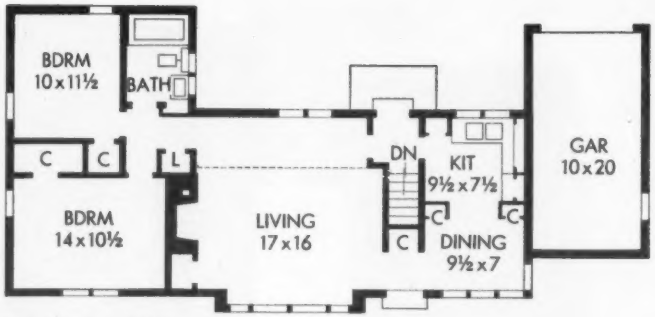


Over-all dimensions: 57½x28
Architect: Louis B. Bersback, A.I.A., Minneapolis
Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis M. Angle

By John Normile, Architect
Building Editor

Everyone who builds a house has one common problem: When is an "extra" worth what it costs?

You'll find a good answer in *Better Homes & Gardens* Five Star Home No. 2008, pictured here. It is filled with extra features. But each one contributes materially to the worth of the house.

Low-cost building materials are used—but in an unusual way that gives the house distinction.

Rooms are minimum size—but attention given to details saves them from being conventional and uninteresting.

Actually, by using low-cost materials, by keeping room sizes as small as is practical, and by planning every room for full-time use, you can have distinctive extras even if you are working with a tight building budget.

Are they worth it? They keep your new home from being just another stereotyped house. They add to your satisfaction and pride of ownership. And if you ever want to sell your house, well-planned extras will add to its market value, often much more than those extra features cost.

As an example of unusual handling of a conventional material, note the concrete-block exterior of Five Star No. 2008.

Below eye level, joints between blocks are filled flush with mortar, so the effect is a smooth wall. Above eye level, [*Turn to page 168*

You can buy complete plans for any Better Homes & Gardens 5 STAR home

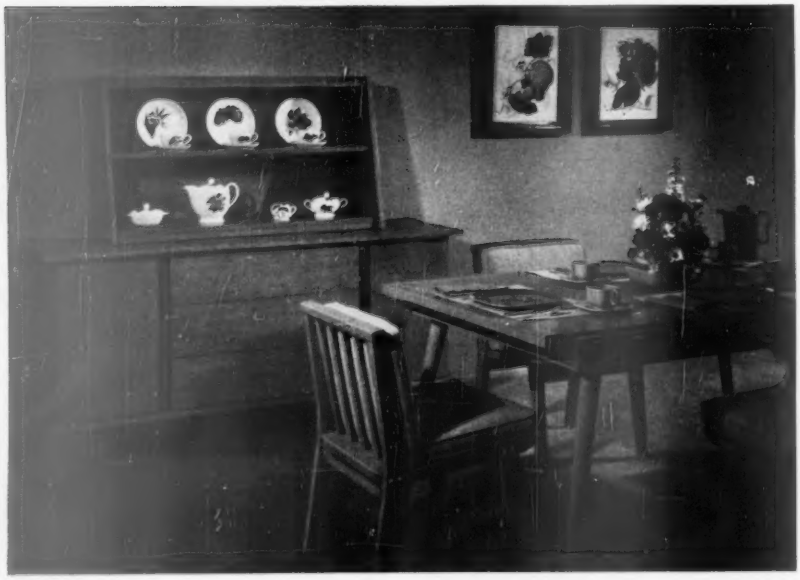
Something new in low-cost furniture

By Elizabeth Gilrain

Round coffee table is 28 inches across—big enough for fruit, ash trays. About $19.95

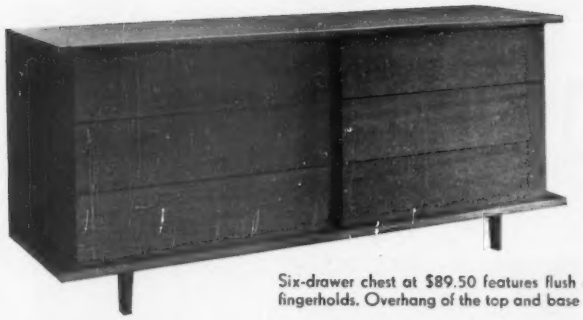
Two-place sofa boasts reversible cushions in colorful, practical denim. About $74.50

End table has sliding shelf that brings magazines within reach. About $22.95



Extension dining table (about $90) seats 6, extends to seat 10. Buffet, $109.50, has drawers for linen, plus two end cabinets for china and glasses. Top shelf of 44-inch hutch (about $47.50) is grooved for plates

You might call it modern—but it blends with most periods. You might think it too fine—but it's priced for budgets



Six-drawer chest at $89.50 features flush drawers with side fingerholds. Overhang of the top and base is a modern note

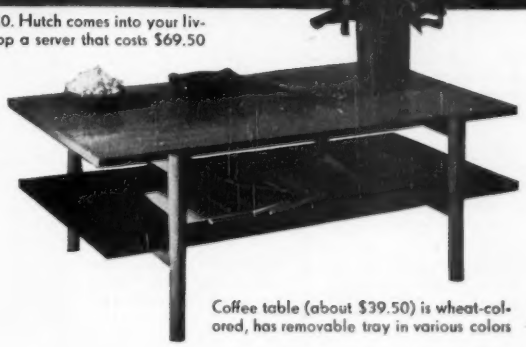
Trim-looking pull-up chair of light Philippine hardwood. About $25. Removable cushions come in a variety of colors to fit color schemes

Photographed at Barker Bros., Los Angeles

Roomy lounge chair has upholstered arms, dowel style frame used for sofas. Cushions are spring-filled, denim, interchangeable. Cost: $44.50. Hutch comes into your living room as a bookcase—atop a server that costs $69.50

Manuel Martin is a young California designer who's always had a soft spot in his heart for families who have had to resort to "orange crate" furniture. He knew they used it only because they couldn't afford to furnish the home they had purchased with practically their last dollar.

Realizing how many people are faced with the same problem of trying to furnish small homes on lean pocketbooks, Martin evolved something that was well designed but of low cost. Here it is. Pieces in this line of living, dining, and bedroom furniture are solid Philippine hardwood in either wheat or ebony-gray.



Coffee table (about $39.50) is wheat-colored, has removable tray in various colors

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Pretty from every angle

By Fae Huttenlocker

"Show us how to make a flower arrangement that's lovely from every angle."

So many of you have asked us this, we've made this all-round arrangement of colorful garden flowers. Place it in the center of your dining table to add new interest to a meal.

The diagrams below show the differences between a one-sided arrangement for a buffet or one end of the table and one to be seen from all sides. The pictures show you how to make an arrangement that's attractive from all angles.

Follow diagrams for all-sided arrangement. Put 12-inch delphinium at back, 9-inch dahlia at left, 5-inch dahlia at right, to form triangle. Fill triangle with two veronicas, a dahlia, and six zinnias. Arrange six zinnias on other side

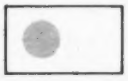
ONE-SIDED ARRANGEMENT

Place needlepoint holder at back and at one end of a rectangular flower bowl

When you look at the end of one-sided arrangement, its outline looks like this

First three flowers form triangle. The tallest flower (1) goes at back of the holder

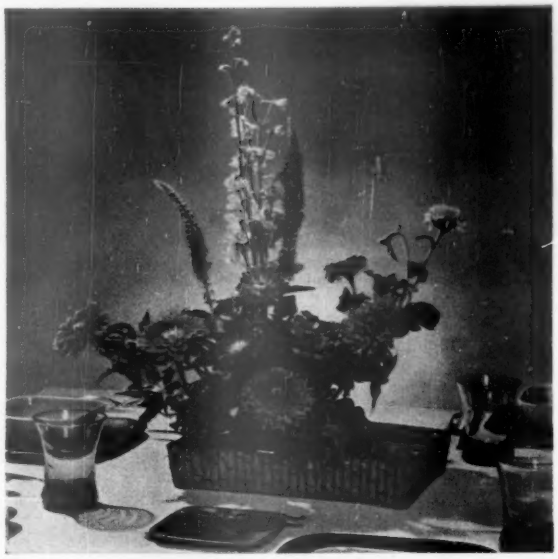
ALL-SIDED ARRANGEMENT



Pull needlepoint holder to center and one-third in from the end of the bowl

The end view of all-sided arrangement shows flowers are placed on both sides

High flower (1) goes in the center of the holder, leaves room for flowers in the back



Other side of arrangement, above, looks like this. You can use other flowers in your garden in this arrangement. Just keep light, airy flowers high; dark, larger flowers low. Cut each flower a different length; put at angles on holder

#1 **BRIGHT BID TO APPETITES**—on one of those "too-hot-to-eat" days—is the soup most folks like best; zesty tomato soup. It appeals to the children no less than to the grown-ups. Sandwiches, fruit and a beverage complete the invitation.

Tomato Soup
Cream Cheese and Jelly Sandwich
Peach **Chocolate Milk**

#2 **ALWAYS A FAMILY FAVORITE**—hearty, homey chicken noodle soup. Folks just naturally take to it, and mothers are glad to know this includes the youngsters, for it's so good for them, so nourishing. Yes, tempting is the word for this lunch.

Chicken Noodle Soup
Summer Vegetable Salad **Iced Tea**

BEAT-THE-HEAT

3 LUNCHES

. . . delicious and quick

WITH SOUP AS THE ONE HOT DISH

ANNE MARSHALL
Director Home Economics
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BY *Anne Marshall*

How to feed the family well these late summer days, and yet keep cool while doing so—that's a problem every woman faces. Nowadays, more and more women are coming up with the answer. As the one hot dish needed in every family meal, they're serving soup, chosen for deliciousness and nourishment. Soups like these on this page take but a jiffy to prepare—and how *good* they are! Trust your family to find *that* out!

#3 **"HERE'S A PARTY!"**—says cream of mushroom soup, the moment guests sit down and catch that appetizing aroma. The soup is so delicious, so rich and creamy, it always encourages eating. Try this "entertaining" lunch built around it.

Cream of Mushroom Soup
Pineapple Basket **Tea Sandwiches**
Lemonade

Summer's Busy Shelf

A well-stocked shelf of fine prepared soups can be so helpful in summer. With a nice choice of soups on the shelf, the one hot dish can be varied delightfully, and so keep meals *interesting* to the family even on the hottest summer day.

Supper outdoors—cool and easy

By Myrna Johnston

You don't have to have fancy food when you eat outdoors. You have to have *good food* and plenty of it.

Barbecued ribs are perfect—they have a tang, a have-some-more flavor that's absolutely right with fresh air. Barbecue them and keep them hot on the grill till it's time to serve. You can use a bottled barbecue sauce or follow the easy recipe on page 102.

Roast the corn in the husk on the grill or lift it steaming from the kettle. But serve it *too hot to handle!* And with plenty of butter.

Have a huge bowl of cool, old-fashioned potato salad garnished with slices of hard-cooked egg, parsley, and tomato wedges.

No dainty slices of bread. Cut man-size hunks of French bread.

For a luscious, easy dessert, have crisp, cold cuts of thumping-ripe watermelon.

The coffeepot should be big, the cups big—because you'll sit and sip till the stars come out.

Supper was photographed at the M. L. Patzig home, Des Moines, Iowa.

Recipes for ribs and potato salad on page 102

Help yourself, everybody!

With fresh, crisp garden greens and juicy grapes and melons for inspiration, it's *easy* to plan a hot-day meal like the supper on the terrace, at left.

Keep it simple, so you can take it to a spot where a gentle, cool breeze will add to the enjoyment of cool, luscious food and a good, lazy summertime feeling. Don't hurry fixing it—don't hurry eating it.

On the page at your left: a glass-topped outdoor table holds a whole-meal salad, a piping hot baker of corn topped with bright red pepper rings, a chilly fruit tray. For dessert you munch crisp crackers spread with the creamy cheese spread. The flavor's wonderful with the fresh fruit.

For this and other summer-meal ideas, see below.

Supper on the Terrace

MAIN DISH	VEGETABLE	SALAD OR ACCOMPANIMENT	DESSERT	NICE TO SERVE
Whole-Meal Salad Bowl	Scalloped Corn With Pepper Rings*	Hard Rolls Bread Sticks	Fruit Tray Cheese Spread Crackers	Pitcher of Lemonade

Salad bowl holds an assortment of crisp greens, sticks of pork luncheon meat, and slices of red and yellow tomatoes. Pass your favorite French dressing. Dessert is simple fruit arrangement to serve with crackers and cheese spread, left end of table. Blend cream cheese, grated American cheese, and light cream until mixture is fluffy. Sprinkle with grated American cheese.

Company Coming

Baked Stuffed Tomatoes*	Crisp Eggplant Slices	Molded Nippy Salad*	Peach Slices on Sponge Cake Almond Whipped Cream	Iced Tea Salted Nuts

This is party food; tomatoes are filled with hot crab-meat filling and baked while you prepare the rest of the meal. Dip slices of eggplant into mixture of beaten egg and light cream; fry. Unmold salads on crisp lettuce. Dessert is easy. Buy or bake sponge cake; cut in squares; top with sweetened, sliced peaches. Top peaches with almond-flavored whipped cream.

Picnic Style

Beef 'n' Bean Barbecue*	(In Salad)	Appetizer Salad* Garlic Bread	Wedges of Melon Refrigerator Butter Cookies*	Iced Tea or Coffee

Meal is a snap. You can toss the salad while main dish bakes. Garlic bread goes into oven last 10 minutes to heat thoroughly. Dessert's just a matter of cutting chilled watermelon in wedges. You make cooky dough ahead of time and keep it covered in the refrigerator; bake as you need fresh cookies. Oven's on for dinner anyway, so here's your chance to bake a panful.

Save Room for Dessert

Assorted Cold Cuts	Corn-filled Baked Peppers Sliced Cucumbers Tomato Wedges	Lettuce Wedges With Blue-Cheese Dressing* Toasted Buns	Ambrosia Chiffon Pie*	Hot Coffee

Arrange assorted cold cuts on platter while peppers bake; try different, new arrangement. Garnish platter with parsley, sliced cucumbers, and tomato wedges. Toast the buns in the toaster or, if you're fixing a lot, slide them in the broiler. Chiffon pie may be made ahead of time. Chill until ready to serve; then add garnish just before serving time. So good with hot coffee.

Summer-day Dinner

Indian Corn Stew*	Steamed Summer Squash With Butter	Fruit Salad Plate Banana Dressing*	Toasted Almond Ice Cream*	Hot Tea or Iced Lemonade

Steam patty pan squash until just tender in boiling, salted water; drain. Cut crosswise in wedges; each person gets a scalloped wedge. Serve with plenty of butter. Arrange fruit in season—peaches, berries, grapes, melon—on your prettiest big plate. Serve with Banana Dressing. Delicious ice cream, crunchy with almonds, waits in refrigerator tray till serving time.

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Minted melon. Fill cantaloupe half with balls of honeydew melon, cubes of pineapple, bright raspberries. Top with a sprig of mint and serve on a bed of crushed ice

Chocolate mint stack-ups. Stack chocolate wafers with whipped cream and crushed peppermint stick candy. Top with fluffy cream and walnut

Hot-day desserts

By Frances Meyer

Crunchy sundaes. Dip generous spoonfuls of refreshing lime sherbet into glasses. Crunchy top: Melt semisweet chocolate in double boiler; add corn flakes; toss

Peach dreams. Use fresh or canned peaches. Add shredded coconut to whipped cream and spoon a generous heap on each serving. Sprinkle more coconut on top for an airy look

August ambrosia. Coconut looks as cool as snow in center of fruit bowl. Use grapes, watermelon chunks, banana slices, Bing cherries, cantaloupe cubes

Chilled fruit and cheese. Tray of cheeses, crackers, and fresh fruit is for leisurely munching. To "frost" grapes dip them in slightly beaten egg white, then sugar

—a breeze to fix

The simpler, quicker, easier to serve—and cooler —a summer dessert is, the better. Try these

Peachies. Top sponge cakes from the bakery with peach slices. Sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon. Top with sweetened whipped cream and toasted almonds

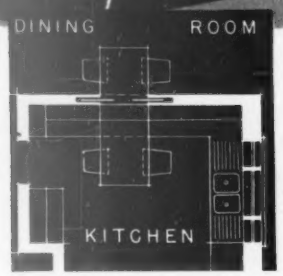
Butterscotch royale. Melt a dozen square candy caramels in double boiler. Mix sauce through ice cream in streaks. Keep firm in freezing compartment

Raspberry creme. Make packaged vanilla pudding and chill. Make raspberry-flavored gelatine; chill until partially set. Place in bowl of ice water; whip fluffy. Beat in the pudding

How to eat in the kitchen and like it

By Jessie Prather

Eating in the kitchen saves time for the cook, makes serving meals to the small family cozy and easy, lets you entertain on the spur of the moment. If you have a small kitchen, you may want a shelf that disappears or a pair of pull-out boards. For a large kitchen, you may choose a peninsula bar or partitioned nook. Here are ideas. . . .



Two-room table

Pass counter between dining room and kitchen has hinged leaf in each room you can pull up for eating or serving. Supports slide out from counter under each leaf. Leaves drop down against wall when not in use. Sliding panels above pass counter pull together to close opening, or push out into wall slots (see drawing).

Work or eat counter

Counter helps partition this kitchen into meal-preparation section and utility-laundry area. It's strategically placed for eating or serving, receiving ironed clothes, sewing, or using as a desk, or for small-fry busywork.

Counter back of sink

Here sink is within arm's reach for filling glasses and receiving soiled dishes. Or eating counter can be back of range for on-the-spot serving. Notice bar is table height; end serves as desk with radio and shelves above.

Spacesaver eating shelf

When not in use, eating shelf folds up out of way to cover shelves overhead; steel clip holds it in place. Before you lower shelf, first open doors underneath; they swing together to give solid center support.

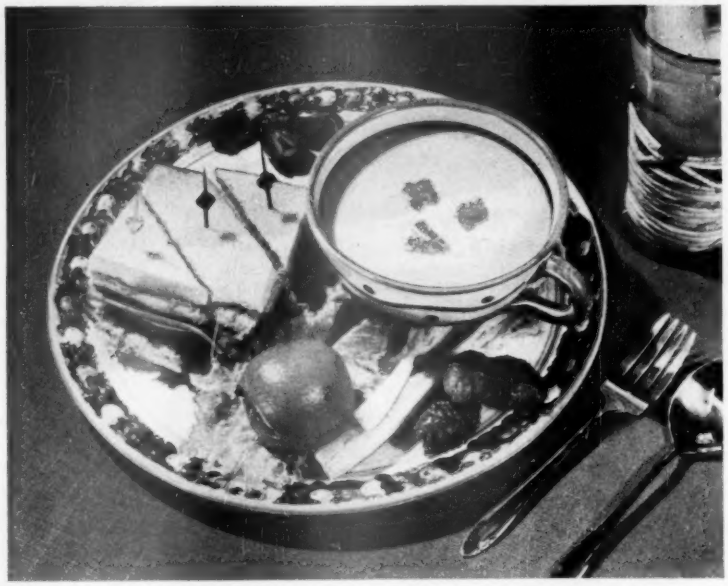
For three meals a day

There's enough room for any meal at an extensible table, and plenty of comfort for leisurely eating in padded, shaped chairs like these. Putting the table and chairs in a recessed or partly partitioned-off nook may increase your eating enjoyment, too.

Quick plate and platter meals

Pick one of these and a hot day—and cool off. They're simple to fix and delicious to eat

By Frances O'Connor



Club-sandwich plate

The club sandwich is a triple-decker of baked ham, sliced tomatoes, and Swiss cheese, mayonnaise, crisp lettuce. Add a big cup of steaming soup. Here we've combined 1 can cream of chicken soup and 1 can bouillon. Serve with a whole spiced apricot, radish roses, gherkins, and celery sticks. There's clear, sparkling iced tea in the tall glass. Like chiffon pie for dessert? Try wedges of high, fluffy peach chiffon.

Serve-yourself platter

Have platter all arranged, ready to lift out of refrigerator. Cool gelatine salads are pineapple, apricots, and whipped cream folded into orange-flavored gelatine. The ham rolls have a cream-cheese filling. The other meat is liver sausage. To be extra fancy, fill the eggs from a pastry tube. Decorate platter with lots of crisp water cress for a cool, airy look.

Three-salads plate

The salad trio is: top, a chicken salad; right, a molded fruit salad; and below, cottage cheese with chives. Eat these and sip from the frosty glass of lemonade, and you'll think it's really getting cooler. Lattice potatoes are crisp and salty. You can arrange plates as you serve. Or if you have the refrigerator room, put everything on except potatoes; keep cold till serving time.

Seashore-salad platter

The salad is a salmon salad crunchy with celery and green pepper, cool and refreshingly tart with lemon juice. Turn it out on garden lettuce. Add quarters of tomatoes, asparagus spears cooked, cooled, then marinated in French dressing—and crisp shoestring potatoes. You'll pass mayonnaise or salad dressing. Peach pie or shortcake would be good for dessert.

Fresh-fruit plate

Center the half slice of honeydew melon with peeled apricots in a lettuce cup. Cut bananas in thirds; dip in lemon juice, then in chopped California walnuts. Fill avocado halves with crab or tuna salad. Sandwiches are date-nut bread spread with cream cheese. Cut *thin* slices of carrot lengthwise; fasten accordion-style with toothpicks; chill in ice water.

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Smart cook!

How to keep juicy fruit pies from running over in the oven

Roll chilled pastry 1/8 inch thick. Place the lower crust in the piepan. Trim crust even with the rim of the pan. Add the filling. Moisten edge of lower crust. Gash the rolled upper crust with your own design. Place it on the top of the pie. Trim upper crust with kitchen shears half an inch beyond edge of pie. Tuck upper crust under edge of the lower crust as in sketch to seal in juices

Crimp the edge of the pie between the thumb and finger of one hand and the forefinger of the other. This makes a high dam to hold in juices. Bake. Pie comes out of oven plump and juicy, not a drop of flavor lost

My child and yours

When my child hits your child
He has not yet adjusted
But when your child hits my child
He simply can't be trusted.

My child's temper tantrums
Prove only that he's bored
But your child's violent outbursts
Simply cannot be ignored.

When my child breaks your child's toys
They weren't built for normal use
But when your child breaks my child's toys
There's no sense in such abuse.

My child is such a little dear
That surely you can see
If your child were mine to rear,
How different he would be.

—*Winifred Cavanagh*

"How much rope should a wife give a husband?"

Asked ELSIE, the Borden Cow

"A WIFE SHOULD GIVE a husband all the rope he wants!" roared Elmer. "She should keep her nose *entirely* out of his business!"

"I was only asking," said Elsie, "how you could take time off to go fishing when you *say* you're so busy!"

"Fishin' is good for a guy who's busy," mumbled Elmer. "Helps recharge his energy."

"I should think," suggested Elsie, "you could recharge your energy right at your own desk. With a big dish of *Lady Borden Ice Cream*. The new flavor, black raspberry, is *wonderful*—ripe, juicy berries spread all through the world's creamiest ice cream. It's—"

"That'll be enough of that!" snapped Elmer. "Maybe you should go fishin' and forget Borden's!"

"Forget grand things like Lady Borden Ice Cream and *Borden's Chocolate Drink*? Don't be silly!" laughed Elsie. "And speaking of Borden's Chocolate Drink, if you rush upstairs and slick up, you'll have time for a big glass of it—and *still* be on time at the office!"

"Quit pushing me around!" bellowed Elmer. "I don't want to go to the office!"

"Now, dear, is that being fair to the office gang?" asked Elsie. "You've told me how they *rely* on you."

"They sure need me," hesitated Elmer. "Maybe I'd better go down. But not because *you're* telling me to!"

"Perhaps," teased Elsie, "the thought of Borden's Chocolate Drink changed your mind? It *is* wonderfully good. *If it's Borden's, it's GOT to be good!*"

Fun with Food

by Elsie, the Borden Cow

TIP FOR A TOT'S PARTY: If your dimpled darling has a birthday this hot, hot month, here's a dandy delight to serve that's as pretty as a party, and you can fix in a flash:

Cut oranges into thin slices and cover with shredded coconut. Sweeten a little, if you wish, and then chill. Served with ice cream, it makes a grand dessert for any summer night!

FEELING LAZY TODAY? Fine! Too hot to cook? Very good! Because I have a salad for you that's really a winner! It's gay and golden, made with fruit, and very filling! Here's the easy fixin's:

Soften a package of *Borden's Cream Cheese* with a little milk. Roll into balls and dip balls into chopped nuts. Place these cream cheese balls between skinned fresh peaches that have been dipped in lemon juice (lemon juice keeps fresh fruit from discoloring.) Serve on crisp lettuce with a slice-or-two-or-three of French toast. Satisfying? Yes, indeed! Good for you? Of course!

DOUBLE FEATURE: If you're making a dish that calls for hard boiled eggs and a double boiler, you can save time and pots by cooking the eggs in the bottom of the boiler and still use the top!

Want to do something "extra" for your children—want to make sure they're as healthy as can be? Here's the best piece of advice I can give:

Next time you're at the grocer's, pick up a can of BORDEN'S HEMO®! It's *two-ways good for kids . . .*

HEMO makes milk a delicious, lip-smacking, *give-us-more* treat!

And so good for them, too! Just two glasses of HEMO with milk supplies a full day's needs of vital vitamins A, B_1, B_2 D, Niacin . . . and those much needed minerals Iron, Calcium and Phosphorus.

Don't delay—give your kids an extra boost—buy HEMO. They'll love it.

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His Specialty (with Her Help!)

BROILED STEAK AND MUSHROOMS "PLANTATION STYLE"

One steak, sirloin, porterhouse or T-bone—about 1½" thick
1 lb. or more fresh mushrooms—4 tbs. butter to 1 lb.

STEP 1—Have a hot low fire of live coals, preferably briquettes or charcoal. Fold Reynolds Wrap into a double-thick sheet much larger than steak and punch holes with fork through both layers of foil—lots of holes, close together. Turn foil over so punched-out edges of holes stick up to retain juices. Put steak on foil and you're ready for a grand new steak-broiling experience! But hold it for the mushrooms...

STEP 2—Take 12-inch squares of Reynolds Wrap, double thickness. Place about half a pound of mushroom caps on each square, with liberal lumps of butter. Season well. Make each square into a tight packet by double-folding two edges together, then tucking in and double-folding ends.

STEP 3—Lay mushroom packets on coals and cook for about 2 minutes; turn and cook for 2 minutes on other side, then take out packets and put them on side of grid or at edge of coals to continue cooking until steak is done.

STEP 4—Put on steak, placing it so foil under it extends beyond grid. Crimp this margin under grid edge, to hold foil when you turn steak. Broil a little longer than usual on each side, and test by cutting for desired degree of rareness.

To serve, open packets, arrange mushrooms and pour melted butter and juices over steak. You'll enjoy a new kind of luscious tenderness, juicy all through!

Jimmy the Scout taught dad the magic of aluminum foil for outdoor cooking. Scouts throughout America use it. Try it yourself. Cook *on* and cook *in* Reynolds Wrap! Eat right from this pure aluminum. Wrap foods and sandwiches in it to keep them fresh. Try foil-wrapped potatoes roasted in hot coals . . . corn-on-the-cob, too. Roast frankfurters in foil and savor their full juiciness. Broil hamburgers on squares of Reynolds Wrap to keep them clean on a rusty grill and prevent them falling through into the fire. Use table runners of bright, clean foil . . . *re-usable, economical.* Try it and you'll never be without Reynolds Wrap, at your outdoor fire or in the kitchen. Folder of "1,001 Kitchen Miracles" with each roll. Buy Reynolds Wrap at grocery, drug, department stores.

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SUMMER MEATS

Snackers' Special

For the midnight spread or before-dinner snack—

¾ pound liverwurst
2 tablespoons mayonnaise or salad dressing
1 tablespoon celery seed
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
2 teaspoons grated onion
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

Mash liverwurst with fork or electric mixer; add remaining ingredients and blend. Shape in balls and roll in grated carrot. Insert two pretzels in each ball and serve.—*Mrs. Marguerite Marks, Camden, New Jersey.*

Supper-on-a-Skewer

Delicious, hot bites of barbecued meat and toasted cheese ready in less than 5 minutes—

Cut 1 pound of big bologna in 1-inch cubes and ½ pound of Swiss cheese in 1-inch cubes. Cut big dill pickles in 1-inch slices. Alternate cubes of bologna, cheese, and pickle on oiled skewers. Baste with Barbecue Sauce and roast on coals 15 minutes or broil about 3 minutes; turn frequently. **Sauce:** Combine 1 cup chili sauce or catsup, 2 teaspoons vinegar, 2 teaspoons prepared mustard, ½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, and 2 tablespoons French dressing; heat to boiling.—*Mrs. Burdette Boileau, Covina Highlands, California.*

FROZEN DESSERTS

Hot Potato Salad and Frankfurters

Main dish and salad—all in one—for a summer supper—

½ pound frankfurters
6 potatoes, cooked in jackets (4 cups cubed)
½ cup chopped green pepper
½ cup chopped onion
¼ cup bacon drippings
½ cup vinegar
¼ teaspoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon sugar
1 beaten egg

Cook frankfurters in hot water 7 minutes; slice. Combine cubed potatoes, green pepper, and onion. Heat bacon drippings and add remaining ingredients; heat thoroughly. Pour over potatoes; toss lightly. Garnish with frankfurter slices. Serves 6 to 8.—*Mrs. C. H. Meyer, Boston, Massachusetts.*

Cooks' Round Table of Endorsed Recipes

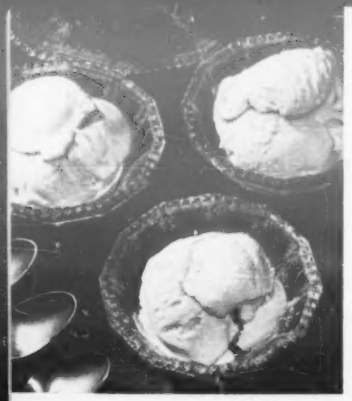
Desserts

Pineapple Sherbet

A smooth, fluffy sherbet you can make in hand freezer or refrigerator—

3 cups sugar
Few grains salt
1 cup orange juice
1 cup lemon juice
2 cups unsweetened pineapple juice
1¾ cups light cream or top milk or one 14½-ounce can (1¾ cups) evaporated milk
4¼ cups milk

Dissolve sugar and salt in fruit juices. Gradually add cream, beating constantly. Add milk. Freeze in ice-cream freezer, using 4 parts ice to 1 part salt. Or freeze in refrigerator tray. Turn into chilled bowl; beat thoroughly. Return to tray; freeze firm. Makes 4 quarts. Garnish with sprigs of mint.—*Mrs. Geneva McCloud, Drumright, Oklahoma.*

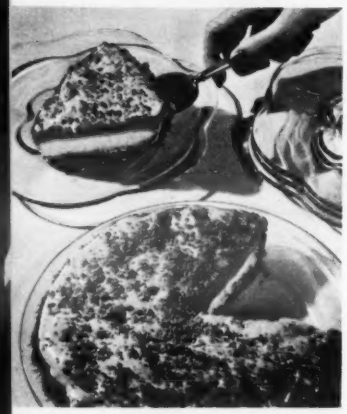


Lemon Ice Cream

It's so smooth and creamy, refreshing—

2 eggs
½ cup sugar
½ cup light corn syrup
¼ cup lemon juice
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
1 cup milk
1 cup light cream or top milk

Beat eggs until thick and lemon-colored; gradually add sugar and continue beating until mixture is thick. Add remaining ingredients and blend. Pour into refrigerator tray. Freeze firm; break in chunks; turn into chilled bowl. Beat with electric or rotary beater until fluffy-smooth. Return to cold tray. Freeze firm. Makes 1 quart. —*Mrs. Harold Bodeen, North Henderson, Illinois.*

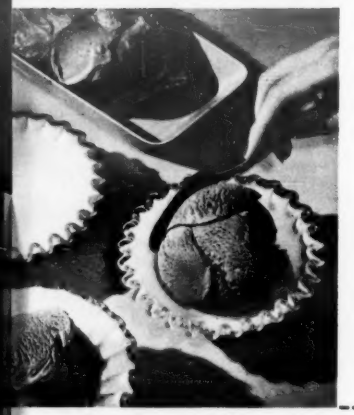


Frozen Lime Pie

There are two layers: lime sherbet, vanilla ice cream—

2 eggs
½ cup sugar
Few drops green food coloring
1 cup light cream or top milk
⅓ cup lime juice
1 tablespoon grated lime peel
Graham Cracker Crust
1 pint vanilla ice cream

Beat eggs until thick and lemon-colored. Gradually add sugar and continue beating until mixture is light and fluffy. Add green coloring, cream, lime juice and peel; mix well. Pour into freezing tray and freeze firm. Break in chunks; turn into chilled bowl; beat smooth with electric or rotary beater. Return to cold tray and partially freeze. Line a 9-inch piepan with **Graham Cracker Crust:** Combine 1½ cups graham cracker crumbs, ⅓ cup confectioners' sugar, and ¼ cup butter or fortified margarine. (Reserve ¼ mixture for top of pie.) Whip vanilla ice cream until smooth and spread in crumb crust; top with frozen lime mixture. Freeze firm. Cut in wedges to serve. Serves 6. Note: May be frozen in refrigerator tray instead of piepan if desired. —*Theresa M. Lessmeister, Peru, Illinois.*



Chocolate Ice Cream

Good, good, good!—

2 1-ounce squares unsweetened chocolate
¾ cup milk
¼ pound (about 16) marshmallows
¼ cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
⅛ teaspoon salt
1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Melt chocolate in double boiler; add milk and marshmallows; stir over hot water until marshmallows are soft and fluffy. Add sugar, vanilla, and salt. Chill until mixture begins to set, then fold in whipped cream. Pour into refrigerator tray and freeze firm. Makes 1 quart.—*Edna A. Klein, Witt, Illinois.*

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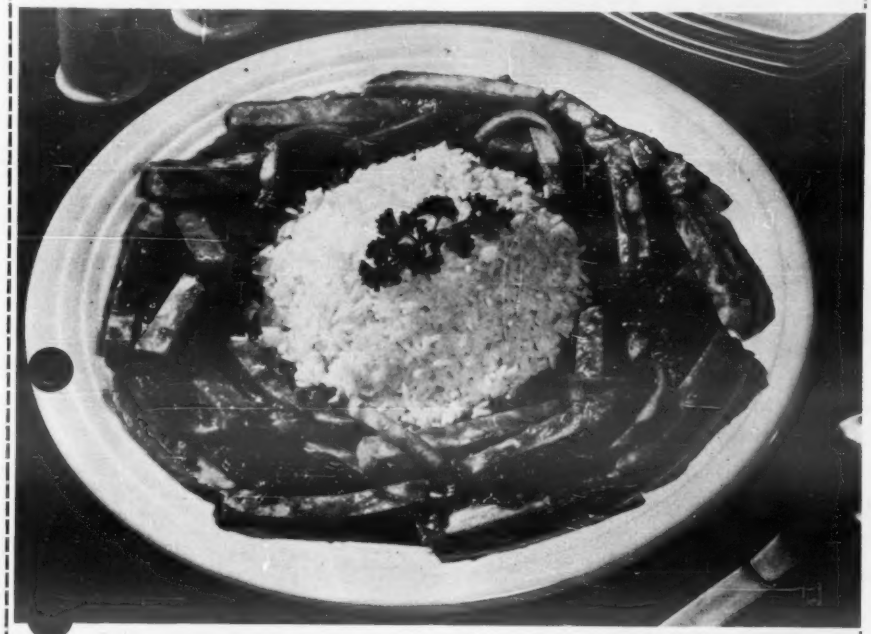

15-Minute Dinner

The tangy sauce cooks while you're fixing the rice—

¾ cup sliced onions
2 tablespoons fat
½ teaspoon salt
Few grains pepper
¼ cup Worcestershire sauce
1 to 2 tablespoons vinegar
¼ cup sugar
1 cup catsup
1 12-ounce can pork luncheon meat
⅔ cup precooked rice

Cook onions in hot fat until golden. Add seasonings, vinegar, sugar, and catsup. Cut meat in sticks and add to sauce; heat to boiling. Cook rice as directed on package. Arrange rice in center of large chop plate; surround with barbecued meat. Serve at once.—*Elizabeth Howser, Colorado Springs, Colorado.*

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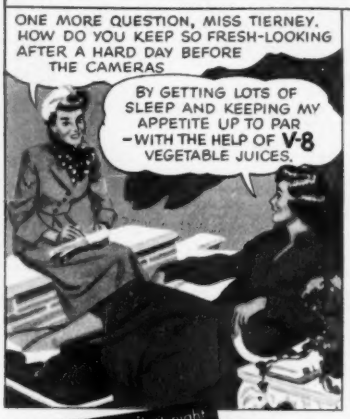

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Pick it up with kitchen tongs

By Mary Elizabeth Carrick

A pair of tongs can be wonderful helpers in your kitchen. They'll save time and burned fingers as they pick up hot baked potatoes or corn on the cob for you.

Keep them where they'll be within easy reach to handle cooked, whole vegetables; frankfurters; ice cubes. Reach for them when you're ready to turn the chops, or are assembling things for canning. As you use tongs, you'll find them doing more and more jobs for you. Here they are—in action.

Corn on the cob comes out of the pan fast and steadily in the grip of a pair of tongs—with every golden kernel intact. Use tongs to take shell-cooked eggs out of the cooking water

Frankfurters are ready for buns in no time—and all in one piece—when you use tongs to lift them out. Remember tongs when you go picnicking—to handle franks, roasting ears

Baked potatoes. Tongs are a sure way to tackle them. They'll hold hot potatoes firm from oven rack to platter or plates. Save your fingers, too. You can slide the rack out with tongs

Ice cubes. Lots of orders for iced tea these hot days? Tongs do the job of getting ice cubes from tray to glasses fast. Use them in the ice-cube bowl when you serve extra cubes

Meat. Tongs turn meat, don't puncture it so good juices are lost. Tongs are equally handy for turning steaks in the broiler or barbecued ribs in the oven. Use them for the morning bacon

Canning. You can sterilize tongs right along with jelly glasses or jars. Here the tongs get a firm grip on sides of hot glass to lift it out of pressure cooker and onto the tray for filling

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BUTTER CRISP tender-grown CHICKEN

1 *tender-grown* Swift's Premium Chicken, cut for frying
Swift's Brookfield Butter
Shortening
1 cup Flour
1 teaspoon Salt
¼ teaspoon Pepper

- Put flour and seasonings in paper sack. Shake 3 or 4 pieces of chicken in the sack at a time to coat.
- Heat enough butter and shortening (half of each) in a heavy skillet to make ½ inch layer.
- Place chicken in hot fat. Brown on both sides.
- Place chicken, one layer deep, in shallow baking pan. Pour melted butter over pieces.
- Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) until tender, about 40 minutes. Baste with melted butter every 15 minutes.

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Hot or cold servers: 1) **Red plastic bucket** holds ice for 18 hours, hot food 2 to 4 hours. 2) **Chromium-plated server** keeps ice cubes 5 to 6 hours, hot food 1 to 2 hours. 3) **Vacuum casserole** keeps food hot or cold. 4) **Insulated bowl** is plastic; holds food or ice cubes

By Janice Price

August is a month of porch or back-yard meals, picnics, outdoor barbecues, weekend trips, and vacations . . . when the success of your meals depends a lot on keeping the hot foods hot, and cool foods shivery-cool. The containers shown in the pictures will carry food and beverages and keep them hot or cold for hours. From roomy gallon jugs to polished chrome casseroles, they hold steaming coffee or baked beans—or icy-cold drinks, salads, or desserts. They're for easier gadabout eating.

Vacuum pitchers have silvered glass inside to hold the temperature of hot or cold beverages for hours. You can take iced tea or coffee, steaming hot chocolate or coffee to any working or eating spot. Blue-enameled pitcher comes with tray and glasses. Jug is highly polished chrome, has a hinged cover

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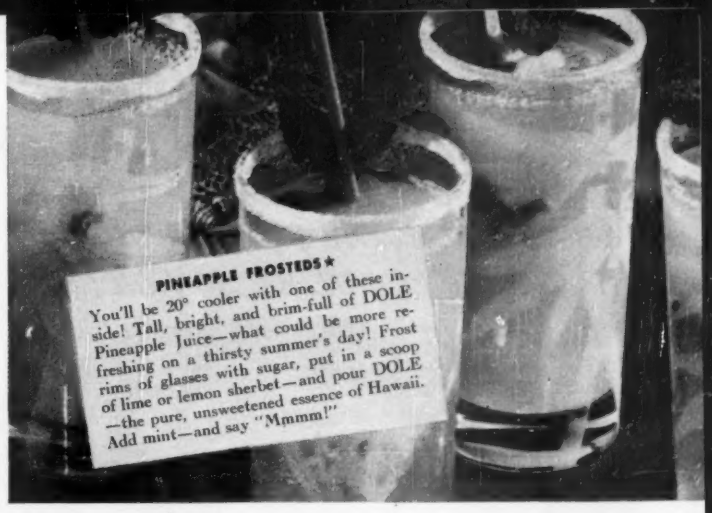

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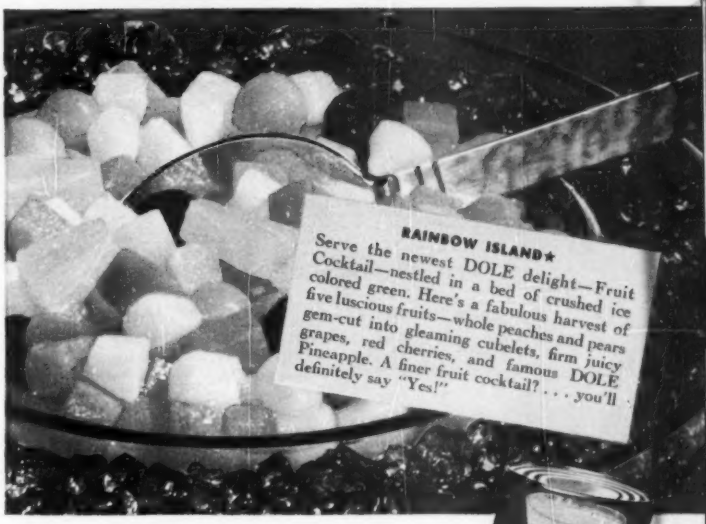

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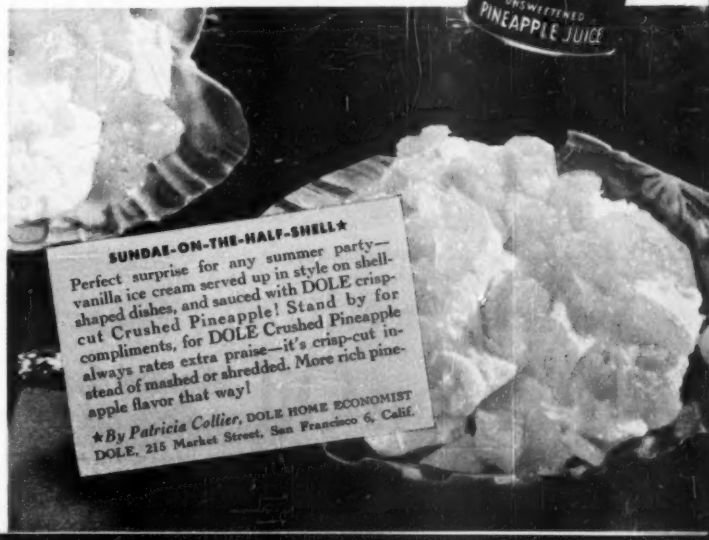

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SERVE SHRIMP SALAD

in cool-as-a-cucumber ring—with Wesson's 2-Way Dressing

2 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons sugar
¼ teaspoon pepper
⅔ cup Wesson Oil
¼ cup vinegar
1 lb. fresh, cooked shrimp*
or 2 5-oz. cans of shrimp
¼ cup sweet or sour cream
Dash paprika

*Such as Blue Plate, Gulf Kist or Palm Brand Canned Shrimp

For dressing, beat together the first 5 ingredients. Marinate shrimp in ⅓ cup of dressing. Chill. To rest of dressing, add cream; sprinkle with paprika just before serving. The mild, ever-so-light flavor of Wesson Oil makes this dressing truly delicious. For all tempting homemade salad dressings, pure, delicate Wesson Oil is America's all-out favorite. Make gelatine ring as follows:

1½ tablespoons gelatine
¼ cup cold water
1 No. 2 can crushed pineapple
2 cucumbers, medium
¼ cup lemon juice
2 tablespoons sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
Salad greens

Soften gelatine in cold water. Drain pineapple; save syrup. Peel cucumbers; put through food chopper, with pineapple. Save juices and combine with lemon juice and enough pineapple syrup to make 1½ cups liquid; bring to a boil. Pour over gelatine and stir. Add sugar, salt. Cool until slightly thickened. Add cucumber and pineapple; turn into an oiled ring mold. Chill until set; unmold, fill center with marinated shrimp. Serve with remaining dressing. 6 servings.

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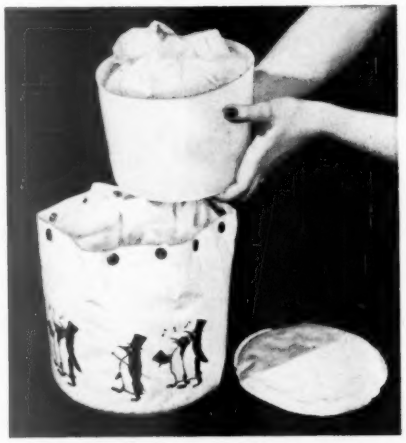
Ice bucket is vacuum type with stainless-steel liner. It will hold ice 12 hours. Let cold water stand in it 5 minutes before adding ice cubes, ice cream, or gelatine desserts. Let boiling water stand in it 5 minutes before adding bubbling hot food

Picnic icebox will carry a baked ham, fruit, salad greens, potato salad, or bottled drinks. The can you fill with ice cubes goes inside. With lid on tight, food stays cold as long as 15 hours. If you want to keep food hot, rinse box with hot water and fill inner can with boiling hot water



Hot 'n' cold caddy is a plastic insulated bag with an inset. You put on the lid, then snap top. Caddy holds 40 ice cubes 10 to 15 hours; or keeps a casserole warm

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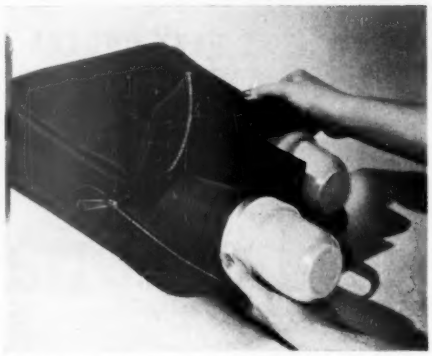
Lunch box holds a pint vacuum bottle for hot or cold beverages or soup in a built-in cradle so it won't roll around. Space beside vacuum bottle is for sandwiches and fruit. Lid locks when you close it; to open, you just press the button in front



Picnic brief case holds two giant vacuum bottles and an airtight sandwich box. You can use one bottle for ice water, cold milk, or other cold beverages, the other for hot soup or coffee

Gallon vacuum jug has push-button spigot. For coffee, pour boiling water into jug and let stand for about 10 minutes. Or let ice water stand in it before filling with cold drinks. Wide mouth lets you put bottles, jars, or cans of food into jug

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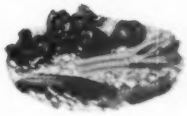

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MERRY-GO-ROUND CUP CAKES

2¼ cups sifted Swans Down Cake Flour
2¼ teaspoons Calumet Baking Powder
¾ teaspoon salt
½ cup vegetable shortening*
1 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar
2 whole eggs plus 1 yolk
¾ cup milk (see below)*
1 teaspoon vanilla

*With butter, margarine, or lard, use only ½ cup milk plus 2 tablespoons.

Have the shortening at room temperature. Grease muffin pans on bottoms only. Start oven for moderate heat (350°F.).

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift together three times. Cream shortening, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add eggs and yolk, one at a time, beating well after each. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating after each addition until smooth. Add vanilla.

Turn batter into pans, filling them only ⅓ full. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 20 minutes, or until done. Cool cakes for 5 minutes before turning out of pans. Makes about 19 large cup cakes.

Prepare your favorite fluffy frosting. Add melted chocolate to ⅓ of mixture. Divide remaining frosting and tint in colors, as desired. Spread on cakes. Garnish with nut meats, cut maraschino cherries, coconut, or tiny candies.

(When you're really rushed, try Swans Down's marvelous all-variety Instant Cake Mix—or Devil's Food Mix. They're both Swans Down-wonderful!)

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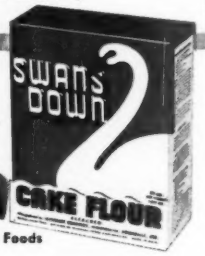

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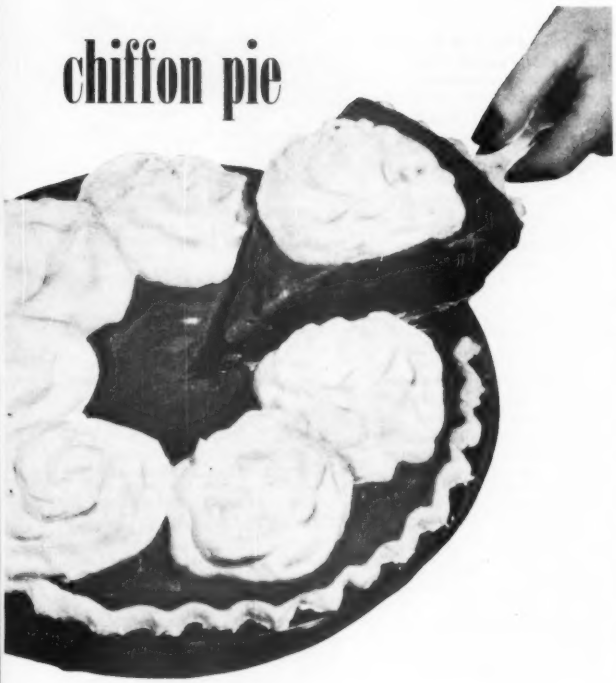
1 Melt chocolate in hot, double-strength coffee. Stir in gelatine, then the egg yolk-sugar mixture. Add salt and vanilla

2 Let mixture cool till it begins to set. Beat egg whites with sugar. Fold into the chocolate carefully and thoroughly

3 Pour the rich, fluffy filling into cooled baked pie shell. Then chill pie in the refrigerator until firm, at least 4 hours

chiffon pie



You're looking for a *perfect* dessert? Rich tasting but not too rich, a flavor that everybody likes, a dessert that's just right after a big dinner? We say the answer's chocolate chiffon pie—high, light, delicious—the *best we ever tasted*. Follow the pictures 1-2-3-4 and the recipe below.

Chocolate Chiffon Pie

2 1-ounce squares unsweetened chocolate, grated
½ cup hot double-strength coffee
1 tablespoon (1 envelope) unflavored gelatine
¼ cup cold water
3 egg yolks
½ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup sugar
3 stiff-beaten egg whites
1 9-inch baked pastry shell

Melt chocolate in hot coffee (quickest way to make it is with soluble coffee). Add gelatine softened in cold water; stir until gelatine dissolves. Add egg yolks beaten light with ½ cup sugar. Add salt and vanilla; cool. Beat remaining ½ cup sugar into egg whites. Fold into chocolate mixture; pour into cooled baked shell. Chill until firm. Top with whipped cream.

4 Crown your masterpiece with big spoonfuls of sweetened whipped cream. High, rich, fluffy—and *chocolate*. What a pie!

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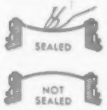

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Help yourself, everybody!

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Scalloped Corn With Sweet Red Pepper Rings

Seasoned with onion, garnished with pretty pepper rings—

- 2 to 3 cups fresh corn
- ¾ cup milk
- 1 cup dry bread crumbs or cracker crumbs
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper
- 6 sweet red pepper rings
- 2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine

Combine corn, milk, crumbs, onion, and seasonings. Pour in greased baking dish. Arrange pepper rings on corn. Dot with butter. Bake in moderate oven (350°) about 30 minutes. Serves 6.

Baked Stuffed Tomatoes

A dish for company. Tomatoes have a delicious crab-meat filling—

- 6 medium tomatoes
- 1 6½-ounce can (1 cup) crab meat, flaked
- 1 cup thick white sauce
- ⅛ cup chopped celery
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 4 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon chopped pimiento
- ½ cup dry bread crumbs
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ cup buttered bread crumbs

Cut slice from each tomato; scoop out part of center; sprinkle with salt. Combine crab meat, white sauce, celery, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, pimiento, bread crumbs, and seasonings. Fill tomato shells. Sprinkle with buttered crumbs. Place in shallow baking dish and bake in moderate oven (375°) about 30 minutes or until browned. Serves 6.

Molded Nippy Salad

Cool-looking, cool-tasting—

- 1 3-ounce package lime-flavored gelatine
- 1¼ cups hot water
- 1 cup well-drained crushed pineapple
- 2 tablespoons horse-radish
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup cottage cheese

Dissolve gelatine in hot water. Chill until partially set. Stir in remaining ingredients. Chill until firm. Unmold on crisp lettuce.

Beef 'n' Bean Barbecue

An easy, 45-minute, main-dish bean bake—

- 1 pound ground beef
- ¼ cup diced green pepper
- ½ cup minced onion
- ½ cup diced celery
- 1 8-ounce can tomato sauce
- ½ cup water
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- ½ teaspoon thyme
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- Salt and pepper
- 1 No. 2 can (2½ cups) pork and beans

Cook ground beef and vegetables in hot fat until vegetables are soft. Add tomato sauce, water, garlic, vinegar, mustard, thyme, brown sugar, and seasonings; blend well and simmer 5 minutes. Pour beans into 1½-quart casserole; pour over meat mixture. Bake at 375° for 45 minutes. Serves 5 to 6.

Appetizer Salad

A tossed salad with the seasoning to make it delicious and different—

- 1 head lettuce
- 1 cup chopped spinach leaves
- 3 hard-cooked eggs, sliced
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 2 tablespoons salad oil
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ teaspoon paprika
- ⅛ cup chopped green onions
- 1½ tablespoons anchovy paste

Break lettuce into bite-sized pieces in salad bowl. Add spinach and egg slices. Combine remaining ingredients. Pour over lettuce. Toss quickly. Serves 4 to 6.

Refrigerator Butter Cookies

Oven on? Slip in a pan of cookies—

- ½ cup butter
- ½ cup fortified margarine
- ½ cup confectioners' sugar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- ½ teaspoon almond extract
- 2 cups enriched flour

Thoroughly cream butter, margarine, sugar, and flavoring. Add sifted flour and mix well. Shape in roll; wrap in waxed paper. Chill thoroughly or overnight. Slice ½ inch thick; place on ungreased cooky sheet. Bake in hot oven (400°) 12 minutes.

Blue-Cheese Dressing

Put generous spoonfuls on cool, crisp wedges of lettuce—

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon horse-radish
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper
- ⅛ teaspoon red pepper
- ⅛ teaspoon Tabasco sauce
- ¼ cup Blue cheese
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- ¼ cup chopped ripe olives

Combine mayonnaise, horse-radish, Worcestershire sauce, seasonings, and Tabasco sauce. Soften cheese with 1 tablespoon vinegar. Add to mayonnaise mixture. Stir in ripe olives. Serve on lettuce wedges. Makes 2 cups dressing.

Banana Dressing

Luscious whipped-cream dressing for your summer fruit plates—

- 1 cup mashed ripe bananas
- 2 tablespoons strained honey
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- ½ cup heavy cream, whipped

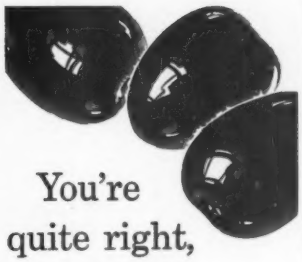
Combine mashed bananas, honey, and lemon juice. Mix well. Fold in whipped cream. Serve at once over fruit salad. Makes about 1½ cups.

Toasted Almond Ice Cream

Guests always ask for the recipe—

- ½ cup sugar
- 2 cups milk, scalded
- 2 cups heavy cream, scalded
- ½ cup sugar
- 4 slightly beaten egg yolks
- ⅛ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon almond extract
- 1 cup chopped toasted, blanched almonds

Caramelize ½ cup sugar; add scalded milk; and stir until sugar dissolves. Add cream, remaining ½ cup sugar, egg yolks, and salt; cook in double boiler until thickened. Cool. Add almond extract



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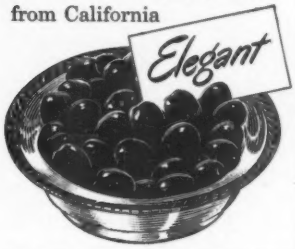

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and almonds. Freeze firm in refrigerator tray. Break in chunks; turn into chilled bowl. Return quickly to *cold* tray. Freeze firm. Makes 2 quarts.

Ambrosia Chiffon Pie

And ambrosia's the word!—

- 1 package orange-flavored gelatine
- ½ cup hot water
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1 stiff-beaten egg white
- ½ cup heavy cream, whipped
- ½ cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup seedless grapes, cut in half
- ½ cup shredded coconut
- 4 to 5 orange sections
- 1 8-inch baked pastry shell

Dissolve gelatine in hot water. Add orange juice. Chill until partially set. Beat until fluffy. Fold in egg white, whipped cream, and confectioners' sugar. Fold in grapes. Pour into cooled baked pastry shell. Chill until set. Garnish with coconut, orange sections, and more grape halves. Serves 6.

Indian Corn Stew

A top-of-the-range, one-dish dinner—

- 2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- ⅓ cup chopped green pepper
- 1 pound coarsely ground beef
- 2 to 3 cups fresh corn
- 1 10½- or 11-ounce can condensed tomato soup
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

Melt butter in heavy skillet. Add onion and green pepper. Cook until soft. Add meat and brown well, stirring frequently. Add corn and tomato soup, sugar, salt, and Worcestershire sauce. Simmer 1 hour. Serves 4 to 5.

Plate, platter meals

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Whipped Fruit Salad

- 1 3-ounce package orange-flavored gelatine
- ¾ cup hot water
- ¾ cup fruit syrup
- ½ cup crushed pineapple, drained
- ½ cup chopped cooked apricots
- ½ cup heavy cream, whipped

Dissolve gelatine in hot water. Add fruit syrup. Chill until partially set. Whip until fluffy. Fold in fruit and whipped cream. Pour into individual molds and chill until firm.

Salmon-salad Mold

- 1 tablespoon (1 envelope) unflavored gelatine
- ½ cup cold water
- ⅓ cup lemon juice
- 1 1-pound can salmon, flaked
- 1 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
- 1 cup chopped celery
- ¼ cup chopped green pepper
- ½ teaspoon salt

Soften gelatine in cold water; dissolve over hot water. Add remaining ingredients. Mix lightly. Salmon should be in large flakes. Pour into oiled melon mold; chill until firm. Unmold; garnish with egg slices, cucumber sticks, and lemon.

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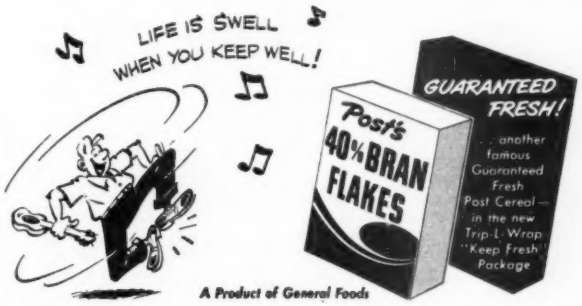

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Here are three wonderful pickle recipes we think every good pickle shelf should own! For best pickles, use *good quality vinegar*, *fresh*, *new spices*, and a *coarse-medium salt*. Be sure vinegar you use is 40 to 50 grain strength.

Best Crisp Pickles

These have the real old-fashioned flavor prized in pickles—

- 4 quarts sliced cucumbers (medium-sized)
- 6 medium white onions, sliced
- 3 cloves garlic
- 1 green pepper
- 1 sweet red pepper
- ⅓ cup coarse-medium salt
- 3 cups distilled white vinegar
- 5 cups sugar
- 1½ teaspoons turmeric
- 1½ teaspoons celery seed
- 2 tablespoons mustard seed

Slice cucumbers thin. Add sliced onions, garlic, and the peppers cut in narrow strips. Add salt; cover with cracked ice; mix thoroughly. Let stand 3 hours; drain. Combine remaining ingredients; pour over cucumber mixture. Heat to boiling; seal in sterilized jars. Makes 8 pints.

Mother's Sweet Pickles

These take time, but they're well worth it. They're so delicious—

Cut lengthwise 75 2- to 3-inch cucumbers. Heat to boiling 4 quarts water and 2 cups coarse-medium salt; cool; then pour over cucumbers; cover; let stand 1 week. Drain; cover with boiling water; let stand 24 hours. Drain; cover with boiling water; add 1 teaspoon powdered alum; let stand 24 hours. Drain. Cover with hot syrup made with 6 cups vinegar, 5 cups sugar, 1 ounce celery seed, and 1 ounce cassia buds.

For 3 successive days drain off syrup; add 1 cup sugar; heat to boiling; pour over pickles. (Total: 8 cups sugar.) On third day, drain; pack in sterilized jars; pour over hot syrup. Seal. Makes 12 pints.

Garlic Dill Pickles

Easy to do and a treat to open next winter—

- 20 to 25 dill-sized cucumbers
- 2 heads dill
- 1 hot red pepper

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For each quart:

- ⅛ teaspoon powdered alum
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 quart vinegar
- 1 cup coarse-medium salt
- 3 quarts water
- Grape leaves

Wash cucumbers; let stand in cold water overnight. Pack in sterilized jars. To each quart add alum, garlic, dill, and red pepper. Combine vinegar, salt, and water; heat to boiling; fill jars. Place grape leaf in each jar and seal. Makes 6 to 8 quarts, depending on size of cucumbers.

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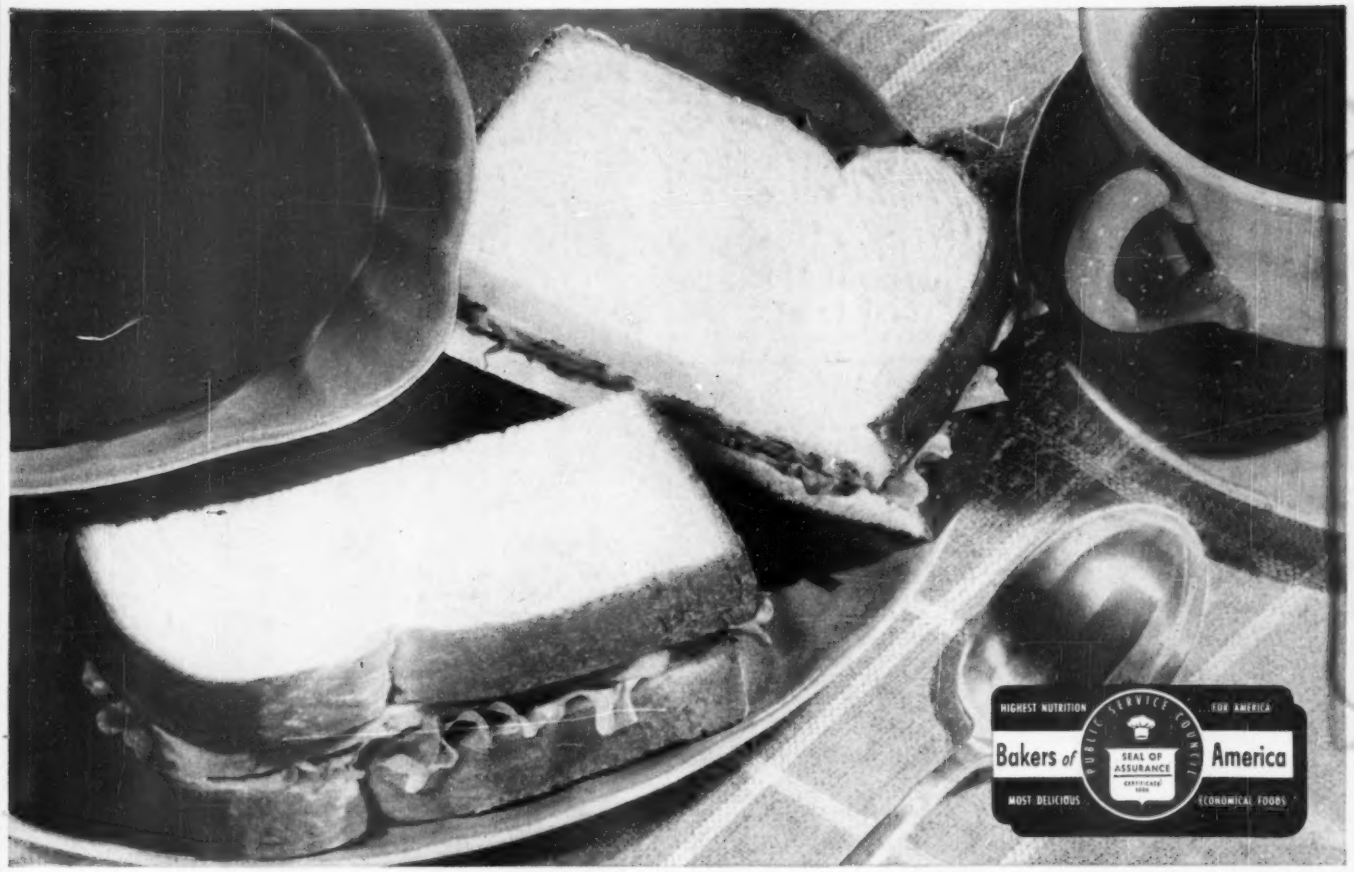

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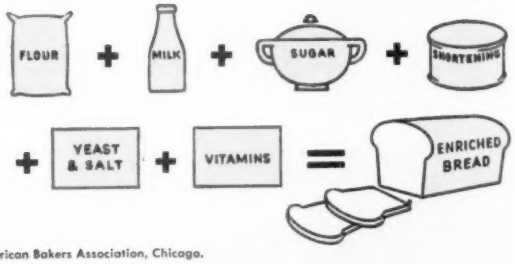

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Sparkling iced tea

Tall glasses of sparkling iced tea, frosty tumblers of iced coffee—these are summer drinks that help make the hot weather bearable. Bring in a big pitcher full of iced coffee or tea for lunch, dinner, or for midafternoon or evening cooler.

Remember, to make the best iced tea or coffee, you have to start out with a good brew. So follow directions carefully. The pictures below show you exactly how to make delicious, full-flavored iced tea. On page 96 you'll find directions for three ways you can make iced coffee; iced tea and coffee tips are on page 102.

Here's the best way to make your iced tea

Rinse the teapot with boiling water. To make 8 glasses of iced tea, measure 4 tablespoons (12 teaspoons) tea into the pot. Or use 12 tea bags

Pour 3 cups fresh, vigorously boiling water over the leaves. You won't get the best iced tea if you use just hot water

Replace the pot cover. Let tea stand 5 minutes to bring out full flavor. Stir tea briefly. Here we are using a glass rod

and iced coffee

By Betsy McCracken

Pour the brew off tea leaves immediately. Strain through tea strainer into glass, earthenware, or enamelware pitcher

Add 3 cups cold water to the hot tea. You can let the cooled tea stand at room temperature till you are ready to serve it

Pour tea into tall ice-filled glasses. Pass with lemon wedges and sugar or Simple Syrup (recipe on page 96). Then forget about the heat

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Sparkling iced tea and coffee

Begins on page 94

Here are three ways you can make iced coffee

Refrigerator method. Make coffee regular strength (2 tablespoons coffee to 1 standard measuring cup water). Cool in refrigerator in a tightly covered glass, earthenware, or enamelware container. Pour cool coffee over ice cubes made with coffee

Quick method. Make coffee double strength (4 tablespoons coffee to 1 standard measuring cup water). Use your favorite coffee method—percolator, drip, or vacuum. Pour the hot, freshly made coffee into tall glasses filled to the brim with ice cubes

Instant method. Put 1½ teaspoons soluble coffee (more or less according to strength you want) in each glass. Add a little hot water to dissolve coffee. Stir. Add ice and cold water. Pass cream and Simple Syrup. Sweeten coffee quickly with syrup made by simmering 1 cup water, 1 cup sugar 5 minutes

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2. Mix together ½ can (7 oz.) tuna fish, ½ cup chopped celery, 1 teaspoon lemon juice, 1 teaspoon French's Mustard, 3 tablespoons salad dressing.
3. Mix together ½ cup chopped cooked chicken giblets; 2 slices bacon, cooked and chopped; 4 tablespoons mayonnaise; 2 tablespoons French's Mustard; salt.
4. Blend 2 tablespoons French's into 4 tablespoons butter or cream cheese. Add minced chives or chopped olives.
5. Mix ½ cup chopped hard-boiled egg with 1 tablespoon diced stuffed olives and 2 tablespoons French's Mustard.

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Plate file makes the most of cabinet space without stacking. Group all the dishes of a kind together

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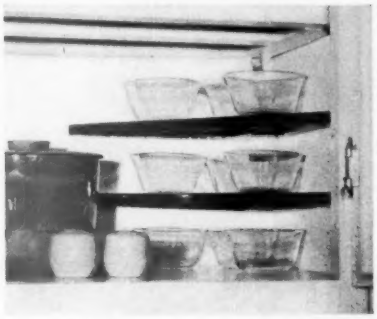

Triangular shelves use the waste space in the corner, yet leave room in the front for other small items

Lid file lines up your pan covers neatly by taking advantage of the up-and-down space in your cabinet

How do your shelves look when you open the cabinet door? Are the pots and pans jammed together helter-skelter, your dishes stacked precariously? Do you have to search through a jumble of spices when you're hunting for the cinnamon?

If so, the cabinet accessories below can smooth out your problems. And what's more, they'll save your temper when you're in the kitchen. See in the pictures how easily you can make every inch of your cabinet space count.

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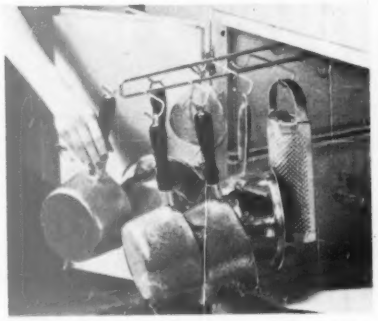
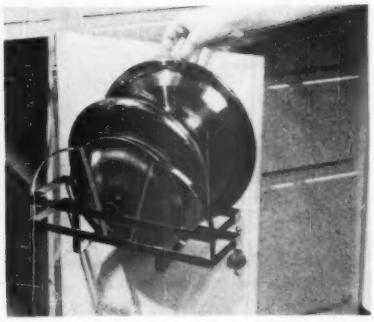
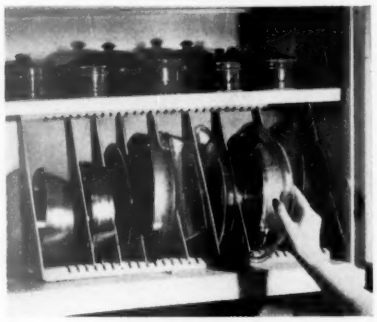


Pull-out pan holder takes up a space only 16 inches wide and 18 inches long, yet it holds 10 pans



Lid rack on cabinet door swings out so it's easy to reach, leaves extra room on your cabinet shelves



Pan file holds pie and cake pans, casseroles, keeps shelf neat. You can move partitions to fit the pans

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How to bring a

Middle-aged house up to date

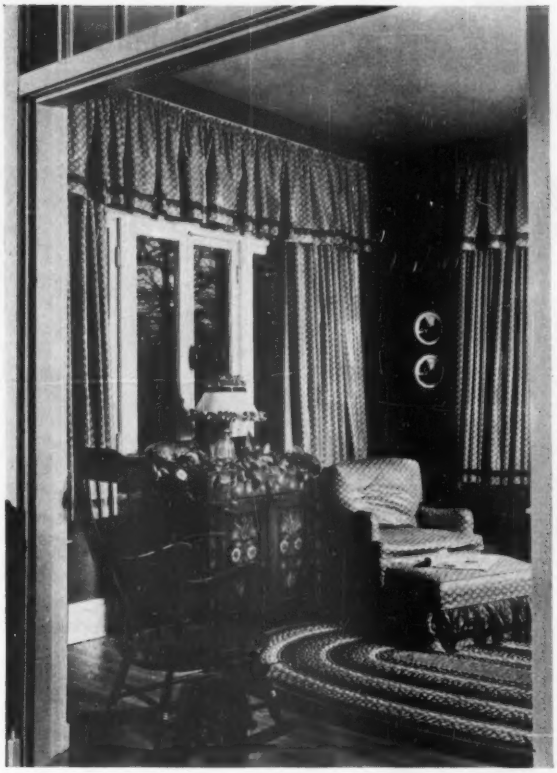
By Billie Lasker

Houses that were built 30 or 40 years ago often look as dated as the dresses that belles wore then. Ours did. But we found you can pep up a middle-aged house as easily as you can change the hem of a dress.

Here are pictures to show how we solved three common older-house problems with hammer and sewing machine. We'll let these pictures speak for themselves.

Problem: Cut-glass doors made built-in dining-room cupboard old-fashioned, though it was painted to match other woodwork.

Solution: My husband took the glass doors off easily—and then covered the hinge marks with a few dabs of paint. My antique china and silver are arranged to cover an old-fashioned mirror behind the bottom shelf. To get an Early American look, we bought $1.37 worth of black iron H-hinges and knobs for the cupboard.



Problem: 23-inch transoms over sun-porch windows were old-hat. And three walls of windows made the porch a goldfish bowl.

Solution: I stitched 23½-inch ruffled valances to hide the ugly transoms. Lined traverse draperies of matching material let us control porch sunlight and privacy. Our ceiling is high, so these valances don't look too deep with informal, apron-length draperies.

Problem: Fireplace was dated by an extra-high mantel and a pair of side windows that gave us little light, proved hard to curtain.

Solution: Floor-to-ceiling bookshelves covered our tiny windows neatly—and brought the fireplace up to date. Shelves are different distances apart so they'll fit our odd-sized books. Yes, the high mantel is still there. But a second mantel 12½ inches lower (and on a line with one of the shelves) draws your eyes away from it.

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Supper outdoors—cool and easy

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Potato Salad

6 potatoes, cooked in jackets (4 cups cubed)
1 onion, chopped
3 hard-cooked eggs, sliced
1 cup chopped celery
½ cup chopped green pepper
1 cucumber, diced
1½ teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon paprika
¼ cup French dressing
Mayonnaise

Combine ingredients except dressings; chill and marinate in French dressing 4 to 6 hours. Just before serving, add mayonnaise and mix carefully. Line salad bowl with garden lettuce; fill with salad. Garnish with parsley, slices of hard-cooked egg, wedges of tomato. Serves 8.

Barbecued Spareribs

3 to 4 pounds ribs, cut in pieces
1 lemon
1 large onion
1 cup catsup
⅓ cup Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon salt
2 dashes Tabasco sauce
2 cups water

Place ribs in shallow roasting pan, meaty side up. On each piece, place a slice of unpeeled lemon, a thin slice of onion. Roast in hot oven (450°) 30 minutes. Combine remaining ingredients; bring to boiling and pour over ribs. Continue baking in moderate oven (350°) until tender, about 45 minutes to 1 hour. Baste ribs every 15 minutes. If sauce gets too thick, add water. Serves 4.

Sparkling iced coffee

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Tips for making delicious iced tea and iced coffee

. . . Keep your coffee maker and teapot sparkling clean. Just before you use them, rinse again with boiling water. Taste experts say you'll make a better beverage if you use your teapot only for tea.

. . . Start coffee and tea with freshly drawn, cold water.

. . . Use the proper grind coffee for your coffee maker. You'll find your coffee maker brews best when it's used at full or nearly full capacity. For a small amount, use a small coffee maker.

. . . Measure the tea or coffee and water. Then you will always get the same good results.

. . . Heat water to a full rolling boil before combining it with ground coffee or tea leaves. But never boil the coffee or tea.

. . . Be sure to allow for weakening of the beverages by melting ice.

. . . No matter how carefully you brew your tea, it may be cloudy. This is more likely to happen if you make a strong brew. To clear cloudy iced tea, add a small amount of boiling water.

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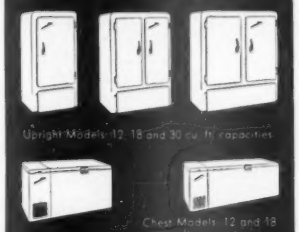

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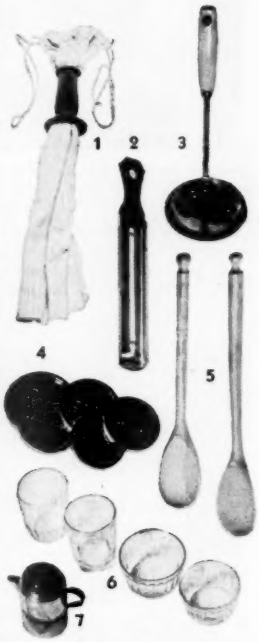

1) Jelly bag of muslin has drawstring top and a heat-resistant plastic collar that can be pulled down bag to squeeze out juice. 2) Thermometer tells you when jelly is ready to take off range. A timer with warning bell (not photographed) is also convenient; many jelly recipes ask you to boil syrup a certain time. 3) Skimmer is used to remove foam that forms on top of boiling jelly. 4) Metal lids or paper discs can also be used to cover jelly glasses. 5) Wooden spoons stay cool when you stir boiling jelly. 6) Jelly glasses come in various sizes and shapes. 7) Doll's coffeepot or small metal teapot is handy for melting paraffin.

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We ended table turmoil with a

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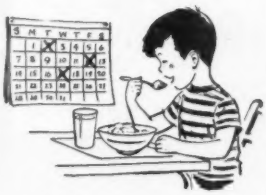

By Joan Cass

A new club has come to our house.

It's the "Clean Plate Club," complete with a tally calendar and a scoring system all its own. It has restored peace to our dinner table.

It all began one evening when I was so completely absorbed in a book on child psychology that I read right past "face-making" into "feeding problems."

"It isn't fair to your child or the family to deny 'seconds' of favorite foods or desserts until everything on the plate has been eaten," said the writer.

So I tossed aside the "instructions for feeding" which came with Hank five years ago. "Times have changed," I said to myself.

The book said to let a youngster eat as much as he wanted of his favorite foods while being exposed to other kinds at the same time. Then some dessert. No comment about what remained on his plate.

Five-year-old Hank didn't read the book, and he soon began to ask, "Can I have another (a fourth) peanut butter sandwich if I don't eat this?"

Walking one direction and leaning the other, it was easy to say, "You'd better eat everything all gone." Then this would inevitably end in a discussion, and lots of food talk, which made the whole family lose its appetite.

I still believed that the book was right. But we weren't attaining the proper mealtime atmosphere. Hank rebelled against everything except peanut butter, potato salad, and pancakes. Something had to be done.

That's when we organized our Clean Plate Club. In order to belong to it, each member of the family must clean up his plates consistently. But nobody's *forced* to keep in good standing.

An X is put in the proper calendar space under his name when one of us fails to clean up his plate. All dinner-table tempting, bribing, and teasing is out. At the end of the week, there's a special treat for everyone who didn't have more than four X's for the 21 meals. The treats vary from special cut-out cookies to a milk shake at the neighborhood ice-cream parlor. And, sometimes, a picnic.

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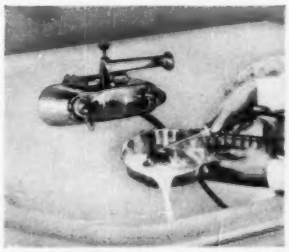

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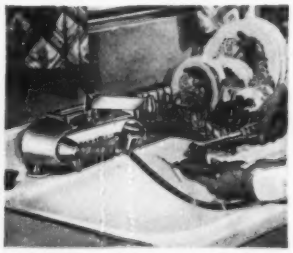

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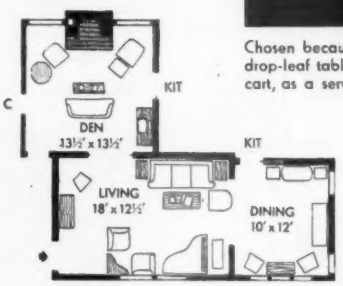

By Betty Childs

Your rooms might be small, but well-planned furniture arrangement can make them as comfortable as big rooms. That's what the Joseph L. Cumminses, Montebello, California, found.

First thing the Cumminses decided was where the biggest pieces of furniture would go—the sofa, the piano.

Then they planned special groupings for things they like to do. They've a spot for reading, for sewing, for music.

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These pictures let you see the result. You can do it, too.

Sectional chairs sitting cornerwise spell lots of comfort in a little space—and divide the living room from the entry. Both the radio-phonograph on the end wall and the grand piano at left hug the walls so they won't block traffic

Sofa and pull-up chair seat four comfortably, close to the piano. Handy end tables hold lamps, magazines, popcorn, coffee cups. In the small adjoining dining room, all the furniture stands tight against the wall to leave the center of the room clear

In the den, easy chairs and pine settle form a U that gives everyone a glimpse of the fire. Wing chair and low table at left are planned for sewing; leather lounge chair and ottoman at right for reading

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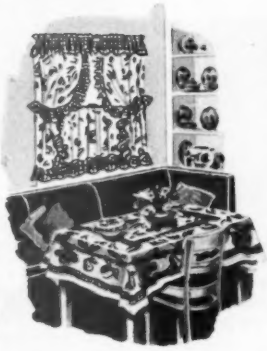

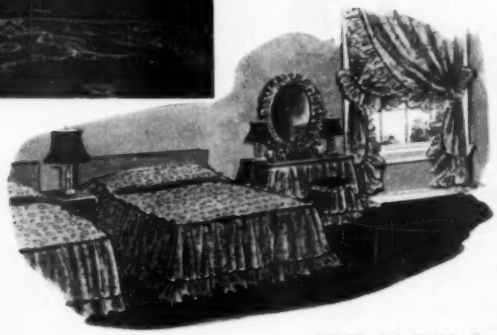

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Burn your dishes behind you

By Marion Lowndes

Family dinner. When you're in a rush, you can still serve an attractive meal. These paper plates are plastic-surfaced. Gravies, salad dressings, juices, and fats don't penetrate plate. Plates come in three sizes and a variety of colors. Handles on hot-drink cups will protect your fingers. The parchment place mats can be wiped off and re-used.

Cocktail sauce. Each person has a serving of soy or other sauce in paper cup for dunking French-fried shrimp. Individual cups vary in size from ½ to 6 ounces, can be used for everything from sauces to desserts.

It's a tempting thought, isn't it—getting away from scraping, washing, drying, and putting away dishes. And if yours is an average family of four, you've been spending at least 2 weeks of every year doing nothing but dishes.

You can cut down on this time and effort with the paper dishes now available. Here's news: There are plastic-coated plates that can take gravy, syrup, salad dressing without soaking up a drop, individual paper containers you can bake in.

You'll want to keep right on using your pottery and china. But remember paper when you're in a hurry, when you're serving refreshments in the late afternoon or evening, fixing tray meals, or when you're eating in the back yard or picnicking.

Party refreshments. Dishes are done as soon as you leave the table. Monogrammed plates and matching napkins give table a personal touch. Refrigerator dessert was frozen right in individual cup. Only the spoons will go to the sink. Paper dishes look their best with paper place mats, tablecloths, napkins, doilies.

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FRANCO-AMERICAN MEAL HINTS

Welcome Surprise for Dinner!

BAKED STUFFED TOMATOES with GRAVY

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6 slices bread
2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
2 tablespoons chopped onion
1 teaspoon salt
Dash of pepper
¼ teaspoon poultry seasoning
1 can Franco-American Beef Gravy
8 medium tomatoes

Heat oven to 350° F. (moderate). Soak bread in water; squeeze dry and break into small pieces. Combine with butter, onion, salt, pepper and poultry seasoning. Remove stems from tomatoes and scoop out a small amount of the pulp. Fill with stuffing. Place in a greased shallow baking dish; and pour on Franco-American Beef Gravy; bake at 350° F. for 30 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

Summer Night Menu

Chilled Cream of Chicken Soup with Chives
Baked Stuffed Tomatoes with Gravy
(*Recipe above*)
Steamed Lima Beans
Corn on the Cob
Cottage Cheese and Carrot Strips
Cantaloupe
Iced Tea or Coffee

Anne Marshall

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Sick tray. Cheer up the invalid, protect the rest of the family by having everything on the sick tray disposable. Broth goes in hot-drink cup, vegetable salad is molded in paper cup, and custard is baked in paper oven container. Plastic knife has serrated edge, is sharp enough to cut meat. Paper containers are made, by law, under the most sanitary conditions.

Lunch box. Paper cups with snap-on lids help bring variety to lunch-box meals. Tomato juice in large cup has been frozen. By noon it will be thawed, but cool. Tiny cup is just right for pickle relish, olives, nuts, or raisins. Salads or baked beans go in squatty cups.

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Travel basket. You're prepared for meals on the road or in partially furnished cottages with this travel basket. Keep it handy in the car and replenish supplies as you go along.

Gelatine salads. Mold salads in paper cups for back-yard suppers. Stack them to save space in refrigerator, then carry them right out to back yard. For longer trips, cups have lids.

Individual bakers. Chicken pies bake in paper containers. These cups can be used for casseroles, deep-dish pies, custard—at temperatures up to 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes.

Leftovers. You can choose size of paper container to fit amount of leftover—and save refrigerator space. Lid has cellophane peephole.

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2. Add the "jell." Measure 4 cups grape juice into large saucepan. Add sugar; mix well. Place over high heat and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. At once stir in Certo. Then, bring to a *full rolling boil* and *boil hard 1 minute*, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; skim.

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Cooks' contest

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Chocolate desserts. We want to try your dessert that is extra good because it's chocolate.

Perhaps it's a pudding—a rich chocolate crumb pudding that you serve with a velvety custard sauce, a steamed or baked pudding that makes its own chocolate sauce, a smooth prepared pudding that you dress up with banana slices, nuts, or whipped cream.

Or do you signal a big occasion with an airy chocolate soufflé crowned with puffs of whipped cream. Or a delicious chocolate cake roll with fluffy mint filling, a glamour chocolate chip torte in a graham cracker crust.

Maybe you include chocolate when you make a frozen dessert—a chocolate refrigerator dessert dotted with bits of peppermint candy or smooth homemade ice cream.

You may use either chocolate or cocoa in your desserts. But save your big chocolate cakes and pies for another contest.

Leftovers are time- and money-savers. But it's a challenge to make them look so delicious on their second appearance that the family doesn't recognize them.

What are your tricks with leftover vegetables? Do you make spicy pickles from leftover beets? Broil sliced boiled potatoes brushed with melted fat or salad oil? Make a sauce with leftover tomatoes for beef patties or vegetables?

You may have special dress-ups for leftover fruit. Perhaps you make an airy fruit snow or whip with stewed dried fruits. Or a moist cake with leftover applesauce.

How do you fix up leftover meat for its return trip to the table? Perhaps you make a casserole with ham cubes, hard-cooked eggs, and mushrooms; roll chopped leftover beef seasoned with onion and green pepper in biscuit dough and bake; or broil meat-loaf slices topped with cheese and catsup.

Let us know what you do with leftover breads, cereals, or cake.

And remember, the winners of these 21 prizes will receive the *Better Homes & Gardens* Certificate of Endorsement and *six copies of the endorsed recipe.*

1. Write your recipe clearly on one side of the paper. Send but one recipe at a time and mark it, "March Chocolate Desserts" or "March Leftovers."
2. Print your full name and address clearly in upper right corner of recipe page.
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5. Include 50 to 100 words about the history or origin of your recipe.
6. All recipes submitted become the property of *Better Homes & Gardens.*
7. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, August 31.
8. Address the recipes you enter to 5408 Tasting-Test Kitchen, *Better Homes & Gardens*, Des Moines 3, Iowa.

This month's winners

Cook-of-the-Month is Theresa M. Lessmeister. Her Frozen Lime Pie has layers of green lime sherbet and smooth vanilla ice cream in a graham cracker crust.

Edna A. Klein's fluffy Chocolate Ice Cream has double-rich chocolate flavor. For the perfect end for a hearty meal, try Mrs. Geneva McCloud's refreshing Pineapple Sherbet.

Mrs. Harold Bodeen likes to serve her prizewinning creamy Lemon Ice Cream with brownies or spice cake when company comes.

Barbecued luncheon meat on a mound of fluffy rice. That's Elizabeth Howser's 15-Minute Dinner.

Want a delicious treat for nibblers? Try Mrs. Marguerite Marks' Snackers' Special. She shapes seasoned liverwurst into balls and rolls them in grated carrots.

Barbecued cubes of bologna, toasted cheese bites, fat dill pickle slices—all are a part of Mrs. Burdette Boileau's Supper-on-a-Skewer.

Mrs. C. H. Meyer's Hot Potato Salad and Frankfurters makes a perfect summer main dish—easy and different for a company meal.

Honor roll

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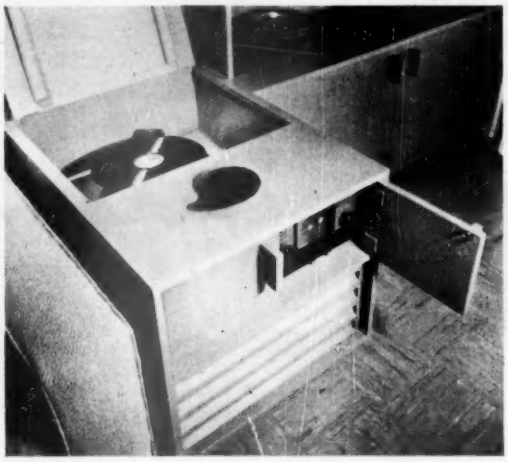
and living area, at a table in the big bay on the street side, or on the sheltered terrace.

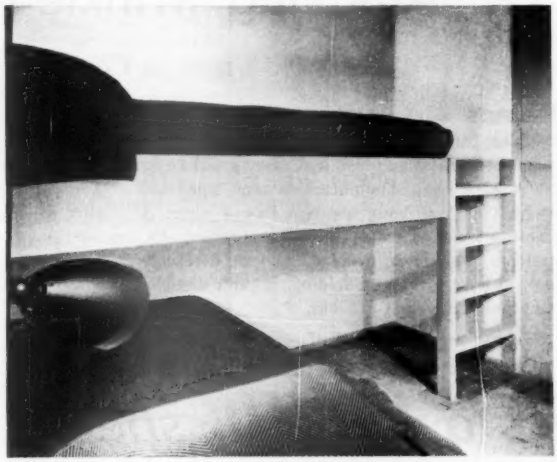
In the middle area is a spacesaving bunk room (see photograph below) that is actually a part of the hall. It gains light and air from the bank of windows opening onto the terrace. And its cost was low.

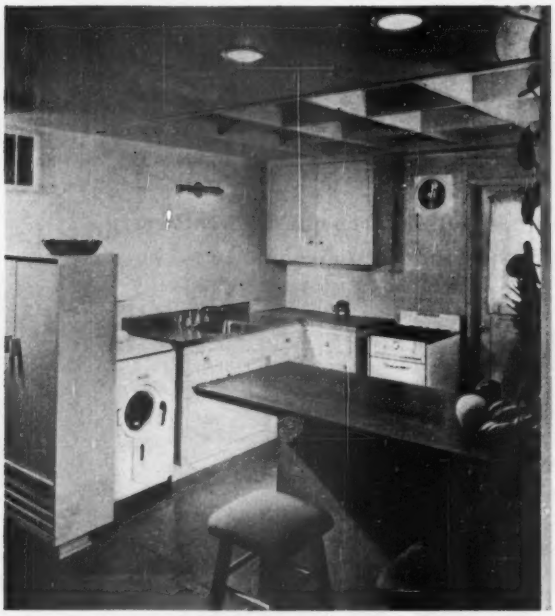
To make rooms seem large and to tie them together, Decorator Guy Brink used the same pastel colors in all areas, mainly pinkish-tan and turquoise.

Pleasant and unpretentious, here is a budget house that offers a large measure of comfort and satisfaction.

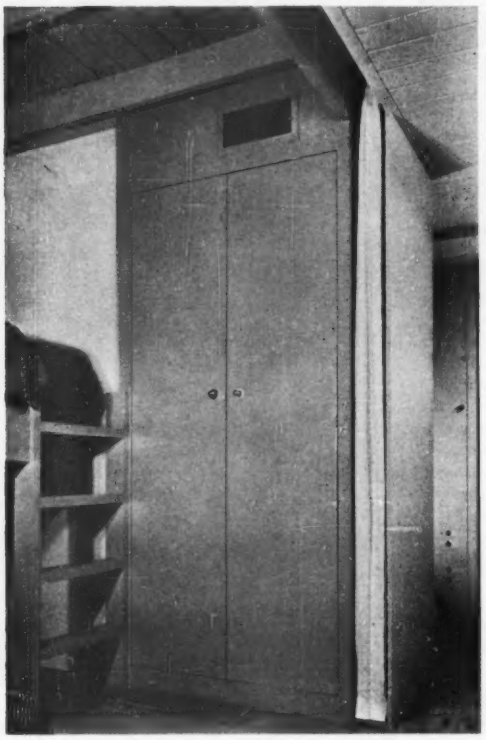


Radio-phonograph placement shows careful planning. It fits between sofa and magazine rack of living room. Thanks to open planning, music can be enjoyed in kitchen or on terrace as well as in the living area





Small, open kitchen has storage space concentrated in one wall cabinet, low wall at left, and under counters. Egg-crate ceiling subdues kitchen noises. Snack bar has mahogany top and cork sides; note spotlights



For bunk-room privacy, curtain can be drawn out of its recess in the wall. Wardrobe closet takes care of clothes storage for bunk room

← **Bunk room** has staggered bunks for openness and easier making. Space under top bunk will hold luggage or toys. Bunk lights are aimed so a reader in one bed won't bother a sleeper in another

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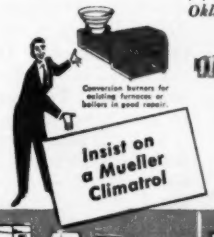

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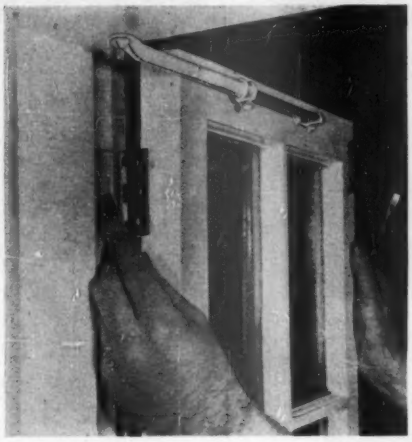

Cardboard shims cure many door and casement window ailments. If there is a gap on latch side, put shims in frame mortises under hinge leaves, as shown. If gap is on hinge side, put half-width shims in same mortises, along edge opposite hinge pin. If door or casement window hangs on a slant, straighten it with shim under top or bottom hinge

Planing is necessary only if door or casement is actually too wide or too high. If it's too wide, plane down hinge edge and reset hinges. Plane latch edge only if binding is above or below latch. Top edge can be planed without removing door; plane toward middle to avoid splintering corner. Use coarse sandpaper or rasp where plane won't fit

By Stanley Schuler

Doors and windows are put into a house to let in people, light, and air. That means they must open and close smoothly and easily, must keep out wind, rain, and dirt. When they don't, they become a nuisance—and sometimes even a liability.

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There is just one precaution. Remember that wood swells in summer, contracts in winter. So don't be too free and easy with your plane. Don't use it if there is any other way of solving your problem, or you may wind up with a door or window that leaks warm air out and cold air in when the temperature starts dropping this fall.

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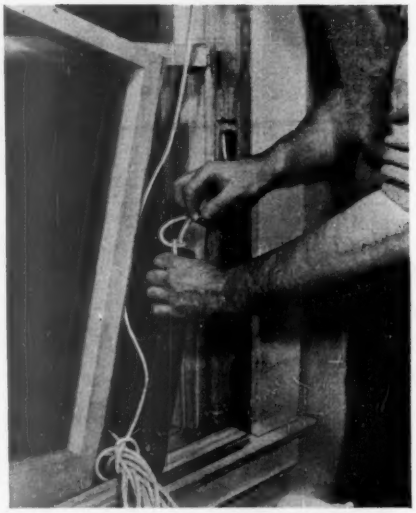

Broken sash cord is quickly replaced. Pry off stop bead (wood strip that guides window) and lift out lower sash. Remove pocket cover; lift out weight; remove old cord. Push new cord over pulley and down slot in frame. If it sticks, put weighted string through first; use it to pull cord through. Tie new cord to weight. Put weight in slot and pull it up to pulley. Rest sash on sill, cut cord three inches below hole in sash, knot end, and jam knot in hole. Replace sash; raise and lower it to check cord length; then close pocket cover and replace stop bead to finish job

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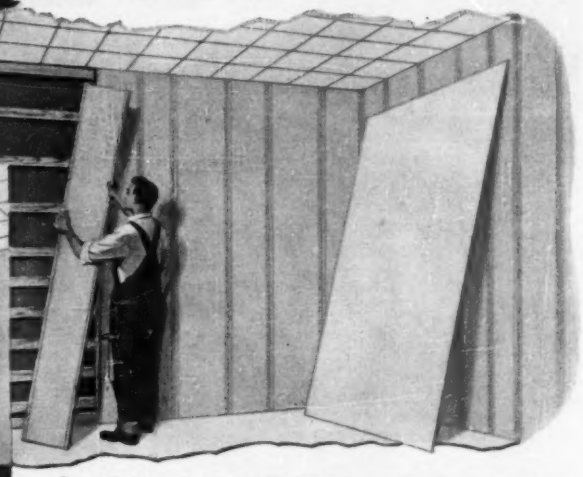

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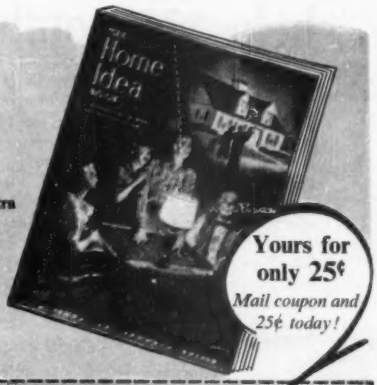

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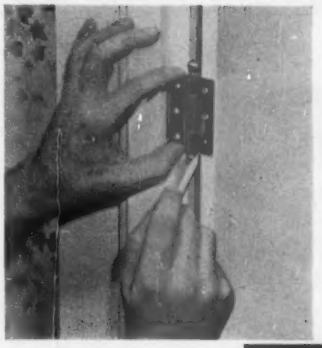
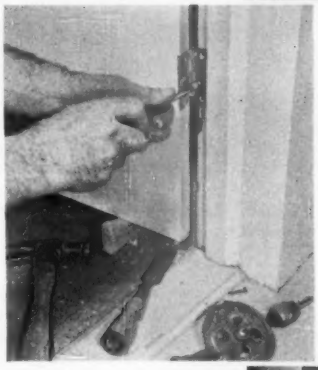


Hinge-edge warp in a door can be straightened, at least enough to let door work easily, by inserting a third hinge midway between top and bottom hinges. Open new hinge across crack between door and jamb, as shown, and mark its position. Cut hinge mortises to match those of top and bottom hinges. Force door into line as far as possible and screw the new hinge in place

Latch-side warp cannot really be straightened, but you can make the door close more easily. Pry up the stop bead (wood strip on latch side of doorframe). Close the door and draw a line on the jamb along the inside edge of the door. Then renail the stop bead so it matches the line



Raise or lower entire door if it strikes head jamb or scrapes the floor. Remove hinges from jamb and extend mortises up or down as you find necessary. Put wedges under door to hold it in its new position. Screw hinges in place, fill exposed mortises with wood putty, and touch up with matching paint

Door lock that needs lubrication or replacement is easy to remove. With the type pictured, loosen the setscrews and remove knobs first. Then remove screws from lock plate in edge of door and pull out entire lock assembly. Powdered graphite, puffed in, makes the best lubricant, as it does not collect dust the way oil does

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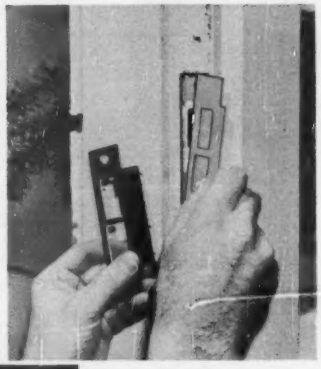
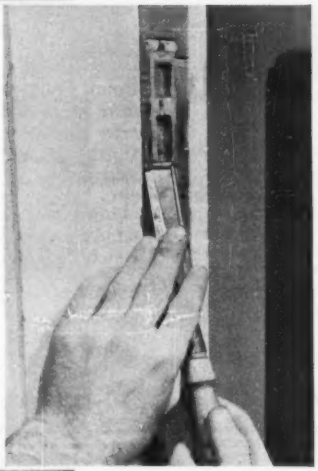
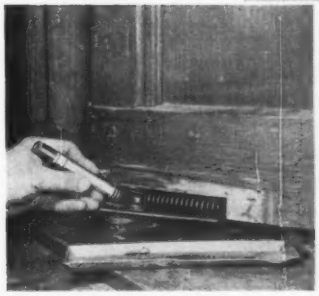


Strike plate can be shimmed out more easily than hinges if door latch doesn't engage the plate. Remove plate and trace outline of it on cardboard. Cut out shim. Fit it into the mortise and replace strike plate. Use sharp knife to cut openings in shim to admit latch and lock

Filing opening in strike plate is neat solution if latch tongue and opening in strike plate don't line up. Examine plate to see where latch is rubbing, and enlarge opening with file. You may have to chip out wood under plate, too. Alternate solution: Move strike plate up or down, filling exposed mortise with wood putty



If a door rattles, latch tongue is loose in strike plate. Remove plate and extend the mortise toward stop bead. Plug old screw holes with wood putty; then replace strike plate. To make a smooth mortise, score wood at 1/8-inch intervals, with cuts of uniform depth, then scrape out chips and smooth



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Paint seal will keep a double-hung window from moving freely up and down. Break this seal by running the point of a sharp knife around the sash where it meets the frame. Don't use too much force; the knife might slip and scar the paint. If this fails, drive blade of a putty knife between sash and frame to break the paint seal

Good lubricant to make a window work more easily is melted paraffin. Brush it on stop beads (wood strips holding sash in place) and pulley stiles (slot in which window slides). Hot paraffin penetrates better, lasts longer than cold paraffin, candlewax, or beeswax. You may have to sand accumulated paint from inner edges of window's stop beads

Binding stop beads make window operation difficult. If that is the case, pry up the stop beads carefully, and move them slightly away from the sash. To avoid scarring visible wood, pry from inside, as pictured. Pull old finishing nails through, point first, with pliers. After renailing, countersink nails and fill with wood putty

Stiff adjusting arm is responsible for many casement window difficulties. It makes operation difficult, may pull screws loose, may even force joints of sash apart. To avoid trouble, scrape old paint off the arm and keep it well lubricated at all joints

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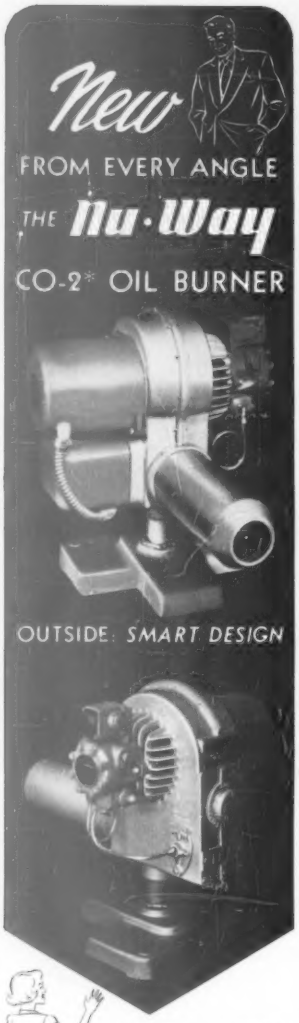

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How to hold on to a happy marriage

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increase our dissatisfaction and frustration. Certainly it is unromantic and even downright unpleasant to bring murky, disturbing family problems to the surface. Yet the sooner we do, the better off we are for it. Even though a couple may develop highly explosive feelings toward each other, once the fuses go off, each explosion they successfully survive increases the conviction that they can work *other* things out together too.

Of course it isn't necessary for husband and wife to go at each other hammer and tongs *every* time they disagree. Many differences can be resolved much less violently. The important thing, however, *is to reach some form of agreement*, and, if it helps, even a raging argument is worthwhile.

And of course, we must be reasonable and patient enough to realize that every time we have it out with each other, we will *not necessarily* settle our differences. There is bound to be some recurrence of the same issues and, precisely because of this, we must try to avoid browbeating each other into submission and thinking we have reached agreement. In the final analysis; we adjust ourselves to each other by altering not only our partners, but ourselves as well.

Arguments can be worthwhile only if the people who have them are flexible enough to compromise. There are several things to keep in mind here.

First, *no one is ever consistently right, nor is anyone ever consistently wrong.*

Secondly, *since the relationship between husband and wife is not that of judge and offender, the question concerning who is right is not always the only or most important issue.* We have every reason to expect a certain amount of leniency and indulgence from the person we love and, as a result, should be willing to *offer*, as well as *receive*, such kindness.

Thirdly, *questions of right and wrong frequently have nothing to do with domestic bickering.* Our own way of doing something may be simply a habit—not necessarily better than someone else's way of doing it. Having allowed ourselves to become enslaved by *habit*, we are easily upset and disturbed by *novelty*.

Fourthly, *our own elements of immaturity make it difficult for us to compromise.* A child throws a temper tantrum when he cannot get what he wants and refuses anything else. Since it is reasonable to expect adults to be more grown-up, we ought to be willing to consider something else when we can't get our first desire.

If we can develop these attitudes, we shouldn't be afraid of family arguments. When two people finally reach some agreement and soothe each other's feelings by mutual apologies, they frequently feel closer than ever before. Their arguments, moreover, might help clarify and bring out into the open the different things they expect from marriage.

A young couple I knew spent considerable time arguing about how to use their leisure time. The husband spent most of Sunday playing golf. Friday night he went to the fights. Two other nights each week he played cards with "the boys." All in all, he had little time left for his wife. They bickered a good deal about each of these activities until the underlying difference in their attitudes toward married life became apparent to them. The man had expected marriage to add something to his way of life, but he had never seriously considered what he might have to *give up* for it.

The woman, on the other hand, thought marriage would continue to give her the same monopoly of her husband's leisure that she had had during courtship and engagement. She, too, failed to consider what she might have to give up. She felt "left out" by his outside activities. He felt henpecked. When they finally recognized this fundamental difference in their attitudes, both husband and wife began to examine the issue itself. Only then were they able to work out some mutually agreeable compromise. So long as their discussion was limited to each activity which drew them apart, their responsibility to each other seemed like a burden. Once they saw the matter *as a whole*, they could also see the value of a little give-and-take compromise.

There is no rule that husband and wife *must* have *completely* identical interests which they pursue together all the time. Nor can we expect every difference between them to disappear, even in the best marriage. In the light of this, husbands and wives who are sure of each other should not only tolerate, *but even encourage*, each other's pursuit of different pleasures. A woman need not accompany her husband to a football game or a prize fight that she doesn't like. Nor need her husband accompany her to her club meetings or card parties. Needless to say, such independence from each other should be exercised within reason.

No husband and wife can be expected to absorb each other's interests completely. After a long day at the office, a man feels justified in wanting to do some of the things for which he generally has little time. A woman, on the other hand, feels equally justified in wanting to share her husband's leisure. Because women often do have some time during the day for their own special interests, many a wife feels that she should allow her husband to enjoy his evenings as he sees fit. So she may try to develop the same interests in order to share his company. If a woman can genuinely develop such interests, the problem is to a large degree solved. But too often she may develop only grudging acceptance of her husband's activities. When this is true, she has created little more than an *illusion* of keeping pace with her husband.

A good marriage steers a middle course between individual independence and compromise. On the one hand, it is important that a wife develop her own interests. On the other hand, there are also responsibilities which are necessary to the maintenance of any marriage. A man who expects to live exactly the kind of life he did before should not have married.

Sometimes this appeal to reason is admittedly of little value, and outside help is needed to work out family problems. This happens when bickering and nagging have reached a point where husband and wife begin to lose sight of the

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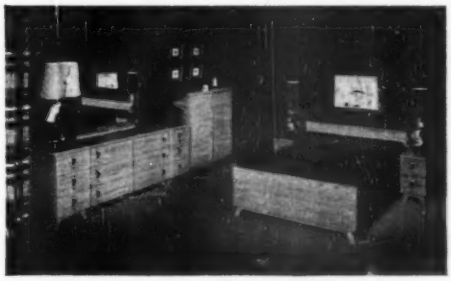

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value or hope of pleasing each other. After a while, they may even act as though they were annoying each other deliberately. These are the people among whom the dangers of argument far outweigh the potential benefits of argument. If things get that bad for you, seek out some competent counselor and examine your problems with the objectivity such a person alone can introduce.

Despite the fact that they may at one time have been fascinated by each other, some couples develop a great dullness after several years of married life. They seem to run out of things to discuss. They return to a desire for *independent* pleasure seeking.

They are like fraternity brothers or old army buddies, for example, who can enjoy their reminiscences together for just so long. Then they get tired of each other. The same thing can and does happen in marriage. One of the most effective ways of preventing this is for a couple to encourage each other in the development of new interests, even though they aren't shared at first. This keeps both husband and wife alive to still other possibilities and will help them maintain enough enthusiasm to spread their new interests to each other.

To a large degree the development of new interests is almost inevitable anyway. The trick is to *encourage* this process, rather than reacting to it as though it threatened your whole marriage. After all, there is no reason to think that marriage will stop your growth, and as you grow, some amount of change must be expected.

Look at the way married people sooner or later tend to develop new friendships. A woman, for example, finds it difficult to discuss child rearing with unmarried friends.

There is no need to abandon all the friendships you develop before marriage. Yet, you cannot reasonably expect your mate to be as enthusiastic about some of these friendships as you are. There is the additional possibility that you, too, may outgrow them. Husbands and wives will not always agree in their reactions to the new people they meet, but it is important that they give themselves a chance. Even though they will each have friends they cannot share with equal enthusiasm, the chances are that most husbands and wives have enough in common to agree about still other friends they make.

A good marriage is one in which personal and mutual satisfaction become almost indistinguishable. One of the important goals of married life is to erase the well-nigh inevitable conflicts of living together and replace them with mutually acceptable and satisfying habits. To do this, you need more than a knowledge of what *should* be done in certain specific, trying situations. In fact, if the situation is trying enough, you will probably be too emotionally upset to remember the right thing to do. Far too much of our behavior is habitual, automatic, and impulsive for us to place too much stock in such a so-called solution. The only dependable way to handle our everyday family problems demands more understanding of ourselves than of the problems. A mature person looks upon his own needs and desires as no longer existing by themselves. His wife's needs, as well as the demands of marriage itself, are given the same kind of attention he formerly reserved for himself. Naturally, this complicates his life somewhat and, precisely because of this, his maturity will be taxed. He remains convinced, however, that even though life was perhaps easier when he was single, deeper satisfactions and greater happiness are available through marriage.

We cannot expect to defy each other and maintain a good marital relationship at the same time. Constant criticism is rarely successful in removing the differences which come up between married people. Criticism tends to undermine their very willingness to change. They become much too defensive, and each change becomes that much more difficult to make. A husband and wife simply must learn to make it clear to each other that small annoyances never really endanger the positive elements of their love.

A happy marriage depends on the ability to resolve disagreement rather than avoid it. The fact that people enter marriage with many of these differences in their personal habits and preferences does not necessarily condemn their marriage in advance. Far more important is the way they go about trying to *solve* the problems created by their differences.

If they are really interested in maintaining their happiness, both husband and wife must display some willingness to change. Too many people unwittingly seek *individual* solutions for *collective* problems. The goal in marriage should be the development of *mutual* satisfaction, and we must willingly underwrite the cost of changing ourselves enough to achieve lasting happiness.

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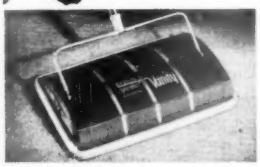

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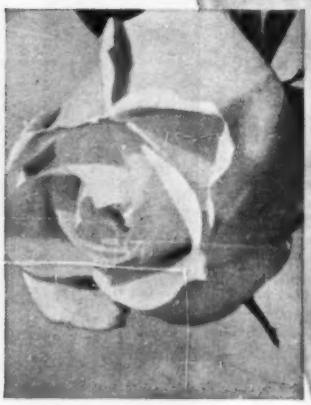

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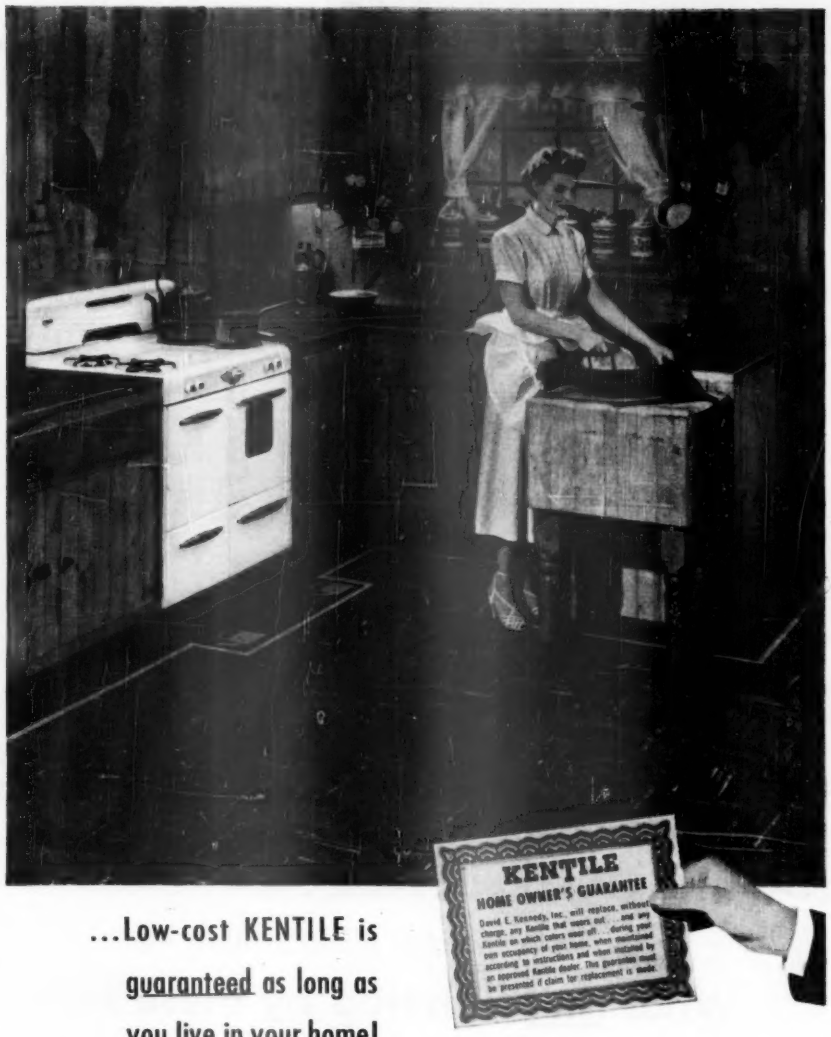

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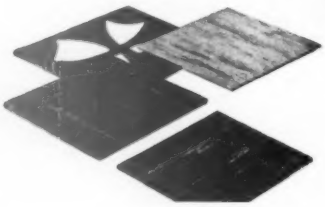

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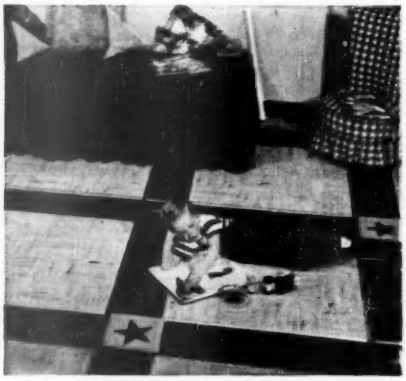

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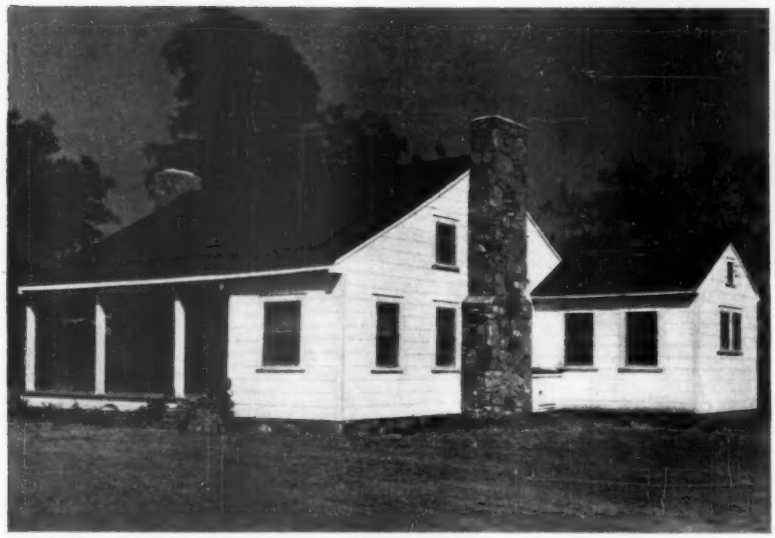
Something out of nothing

If you can't find a good house, look farther. There may be a garage or barn or old school just around the corner that you can turn into a home

By Rand E. Wright



AFTER—New siding, new chimneys, and the addition of a 14-foot-square kitchen wing made a new house. It was easier to add the kitchen and a similar wing on the other side than to finish upstairs space for bedrooms

BEFORE—Built prior to 1838, this house was surrounded by 19 acres of pecan and fruit trees. It didn't look like much of a home

BEFORE

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After a fruitless search for a home, the Rex Blantons bought an old tenant house near Seneca, South Carolina. Though the house looked disreputable, the foundation, made of 12x14-inch logs 34 feet long, was termite-free. Framing was durable heart pine.

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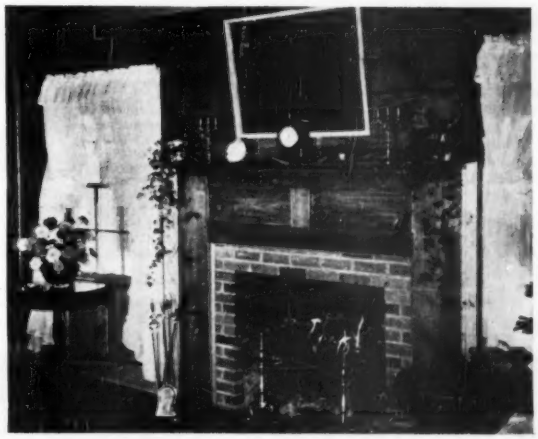
Inside, the Blantons and their friends spent many dusty hours sanding 100 years of grime off the walls.



AFTER—To bring out beauty of hand-planed pine boards, hidden by grime of 100 years of hard wear, the Blantons held "sanding parties." Abrasives, elbow grease, and a new fireplace created this living room

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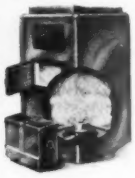

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By Jessie Walker

It was the setting—a wooded half acre—that made Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Young, Jr., of Winnetka, Illinois, b a former carriage house. The 45-year-old structure was just a shell with two large door openings. Inside were stalls for horses, a toolroom, and an upstairs with a bathroom and several plasterboard partitions.

Architect Maurice Webster worked out the changes—the pleasant bay window in the living room, the enlarged dormers for the children's room upstairs. But the Youngs did their share, too. They found a Colonial mantel for their fireplace lying in a basement. Doors separating living and dining room were discovered in a hayloft.

As the children grow, so will the house. Plans are made for a future playroom, workshop, and laundry. But today the small house suits the Youngs perfectly.

BEFORE—It wasn't the building that caught the Youngs' eyes, but its setting on the side of a hill along a winding lane

AFTER—Now the old garage is so attractive that the setting is just a background for irregular red brick, a slightly curved bay, sparkling dormers, and an open side porch sheltered under the trees (far right)

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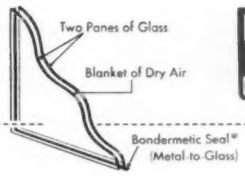

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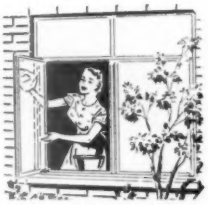

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Consider location and setting

By Russ Oliver

The old garage was just sitting on the rear of the lot, doing no one any good. But the more the A. J. Howlands of Rumson, New Jersey, looked at it, the better they could see it as a home.

You can see it that way now, too. It rests on a new foundation on the front of the lot. A large screened porch and flat-decked, two-car garage flank the original 20x22-foot, two-story building, helping to bring down the height of the roof ridge and tie the house closer to the ground.

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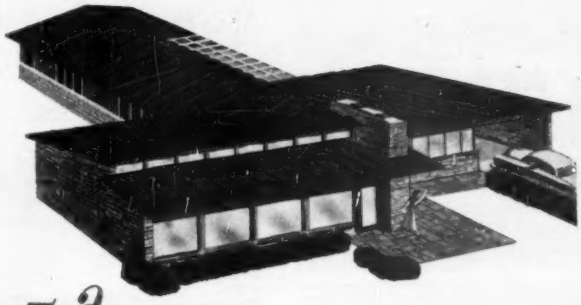
There's a combination laundry and toolroom at the rear of the garage, a cabinet for guns and fishing equipment, and a cabinet for china, in addition to usual kitchen and bedroom storage space.

BEFORE—Sitting on the back of a lot, this two-car garage had possibilities as a home, if you had a vivid imagination. High roof was biggest problem

AFTER—On its new foundation, with porch and garage to lengthen its lines on the street side, the old garage is scarcely recognizable. Roof lines were not changed, but weather-beaten shingles were replaced



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Spacesavers for your kitchen

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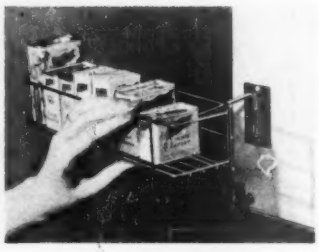
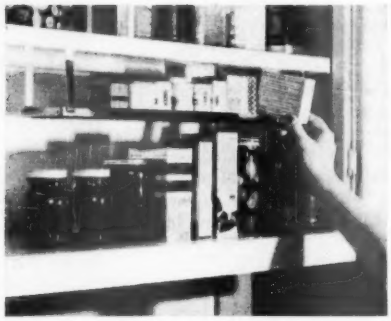
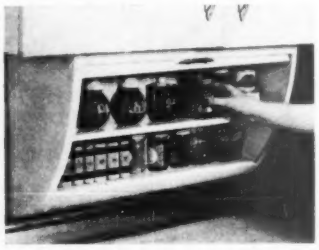
Spice rack fastens on door of cabinet, removes clutter from the spice shelf. The racks come sized to hold one or two rows of spices.



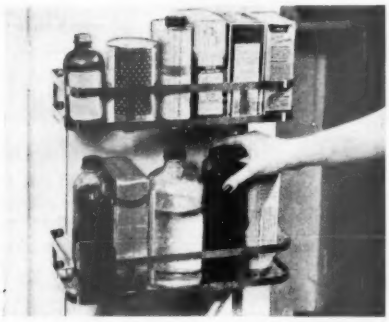
Swinging spice rack pulls out so it's at your finger tips. When you're through using the spices, you can push the rack back so it's flat against the cabinet door.



Hanging shelf holds small packages in the vacant space above the canned and packaged foods.



Roll-up-door cabinets fit into space, usually wasted, under cabinets. You just slide the white plastic door up when you want to reach spices and seasonings.



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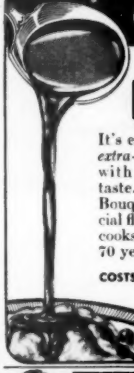

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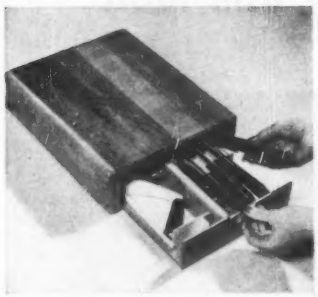
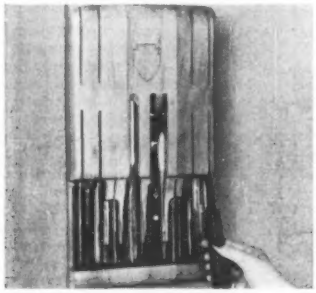


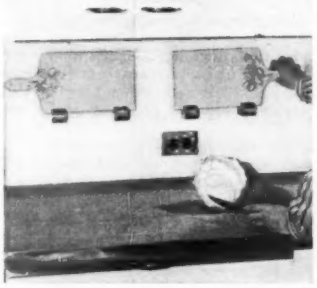
Cutlery and slicing kit holds five knives and a slicing machine. Top makes a convenient cutting board. Closed kit fits in 14x11-inch space in the cabinet.

Open up the kit, and with a few adjustments, it becomes a slicer for cheese, cold meats, vegetables, and fruits.

Step-up shelf groups tall and short glasses together. You can double the room in your cabinet by building shelves that fit your own dishes—that allow for tall crystal and iced-tea glasses, squatty tumblers.



Knife holster keeps your good cutlery on the wall, leaves the drawer uncluttered. The knives slip in separate compartments, so edges aren't dulled by rubbing against each other.



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"Who dat?" Some dogs, like some people, are suspicious

By Russell K. Lowry

Our 2-year-old Dachshund is terrifically shy, even though she has always received kind and loving care. Why is she so timid, and what can we do about it?—M. W., Ohio.

Shyness is a trait almost impossible to deal with. Recent experiments at Cornell University indicated that excessive shyness is almost wholly hereditary. Puppies born during prolonged studies of 135 dogs displayed this shyness, even though they had never been in contact with mistreatment or brutality in any form. This "fear factor" was passed along through as many as seven generations, though to a diminishing degree. Most all training experts say excessive shyness is incurable.

Our 3-year-old Collie won't eat kibbled food, so I have been feeding him toasted wheat bread with egg, meat, canned food, and gravy. Friends tell me bread isn't good for him. Please advise what to do.—Mrs. H. F. K., Illinois.

Your dog is just a food bully. He has found a little pouting will get him whatever tasty item he wants. Continue feeding the kibbled food, ground fine. Mix it with meat and other items, moistening the entire dish with warm broth or gravy. Let him sulk. When he sees you mean business, he'll eat.

My year-old Cocker Spaniel is well behaved, but he wets when strangers pet him.—Mrs. A. E., New York.

This is caused by nervous tension and excitement. Your dog loves attention so much he throws control to the winds. He doesn't see enough "strangers" to make greetings a commonplace affair. Time and lots of contact with callers will eventually help him overcome this habit.

I understood you to say that a dog should get ½ teaspoon of powdered calcium gluconate in his food each day. How long should it be done?—L. J., New Jersey.

Calcium is often needed as a bone-building stimulant in young puppies, for females during pregnancy and nursing, or for dogs afflicted with various muscle, nerve, or joint ailments. But as a supplement in the regular diet, I would not recommend it. There are far better all-inclusive mineral supplements on the market.

My dog keeps getting hookworms. Worming gets rid of them, but they always come back.—P. R. M., Oklahoma.

The reinfestation is no doubt due to hookworm eggs being deposited in the dog's quarters or in the soil he frequents. This is often such a serious problem that whole kennels have to be moved to new locations, especially where the ground has been infested. Spray dog's quarters with a strong insecticide. If you think the soil nearby is contaminated, saturate it with

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Our year-old dog has responded very well to your training advice, but at times he will ignore some of the commands. Why?—N. W. C., Michigan.

You may be piling on the training, in too-long sessions, at too-early an age. Ease up a little, concentrate on only one or two commands. Praise your dog a great deal and shorten "lessons" to 5 or 10 minutes every few days. Most trainers won't look at a dog until he's over a year old. Seeing-eye dogs don't start in on their training till they're 15 months old. Make training fun for your pet, and he'll keep learning.

We housebroke our pup to newspapers last winter, but now we are trying to train him to go outdoors. We aren't having much luck. What's the best procedure?—Mrs. M. W., Wyoming.

It's the old story. Once a dog is trained one way, it's difficult to substitute a new routine, because dogs are slaves to habit. Biggest asset is patience in teaching the change-over. Air your dog five times a day on a leash. Set these by the clock. Spank and scold for indoor slip-ups, but only at the moment they happen, and immediately rush your pet outdoors as an object lesson. Keep at it.

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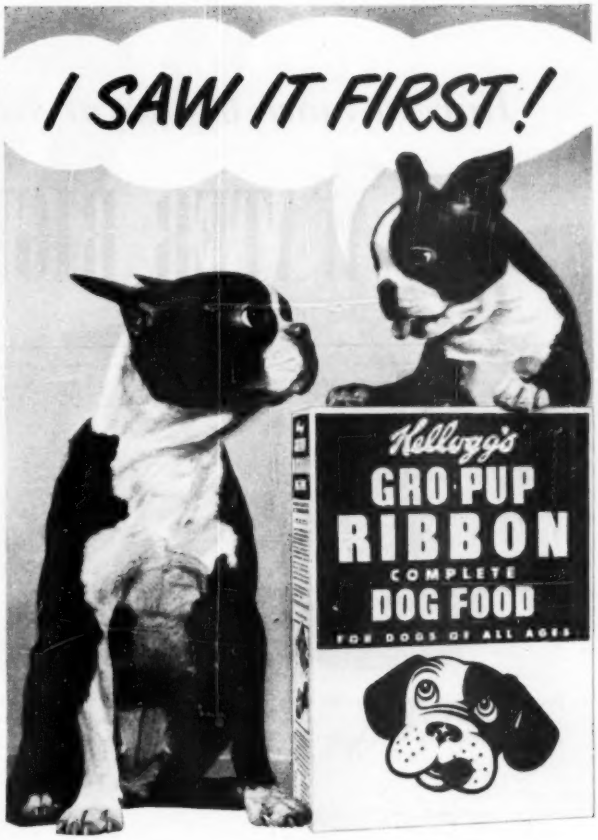

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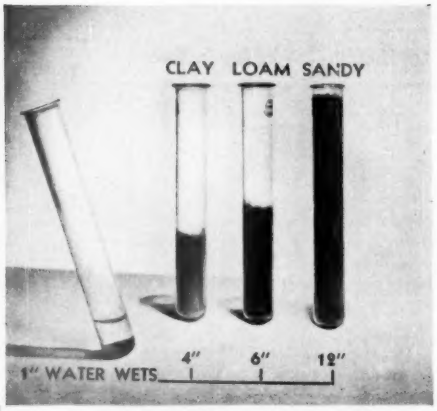

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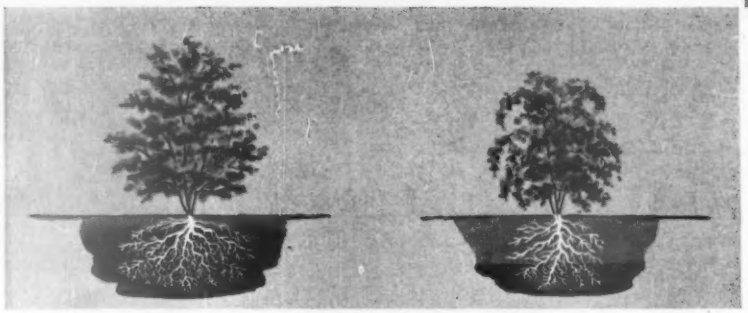
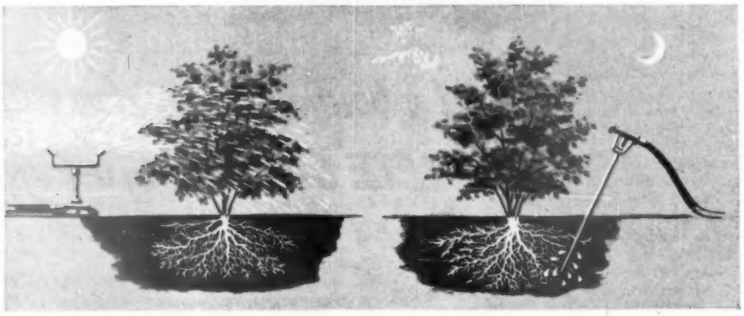


Soil low in organic matter dries out much faster than soil having a high amount. Compost and other forms of organic matter spaded into the soil act like a sponge to hold water for roots of your plants. You will save water if you have such soil. Much water is lost on poor soil, and plants do not do as well

Water *right* at right time for a better yard; results you get depend on how you water. Wrong watering is lost time



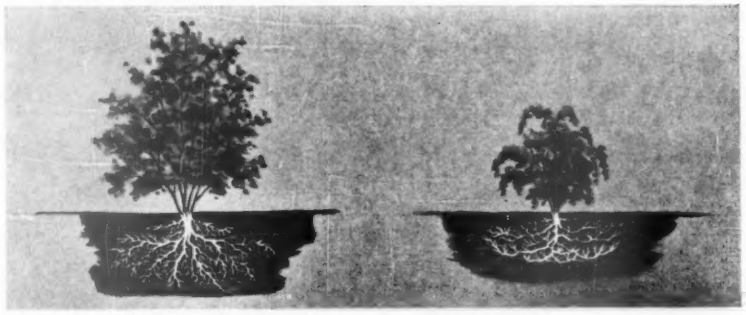
Water any time—day or night; but use right method late in day and at night. Use watering devices that don't get water on plants when you water late in day. Leaves of your plants should not go into the night wet; it would invite disease. Forget the old tale that plants shouldn't be watered in sunlight

By Donald Kraybill

Applying water to your plants is the most important job you do around the garden. The reason is that water is the most important chemical plants use; it must be applied in the right way and be constantly present around roots for beautiful foliage and flowers. Growing plants suffer a setback when they lack water. Plants need a continuous supply of water to carry soil nutrients from roots to leaves, to make and transport food, and to keep cool.

If you are not willing to water your plants and flowers regularly during warm, dry weather, then let a three-inch mulch on the soil between the plants help do watering for you. You will not have to water nearly as often. A mulch not only holds water in the soil but often adds some; warm, moist air condenses as it meets coolness beneath the mulch. Dried grass, straw, sawdust, redwood bark, and even stones may be used as mulch.

See the points that follow to help you do a better job of watering and have more beautiful plants and flowers around the yard.



Roots of garden plants will develop deep if you water deep—shallow if you sprinkle lightly and frequently. If you are not willing to apply the minimum amount of water (1 inch), do not water at all; you'll waste water and time. Roots near surface are injured by heat and rapid drying; plants do poorly

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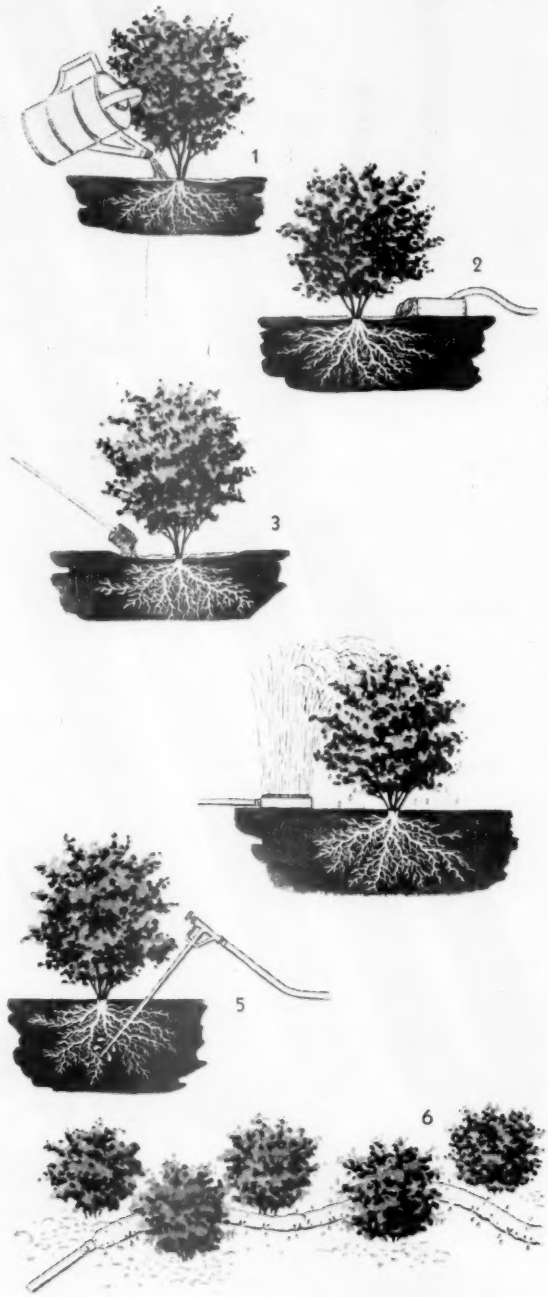

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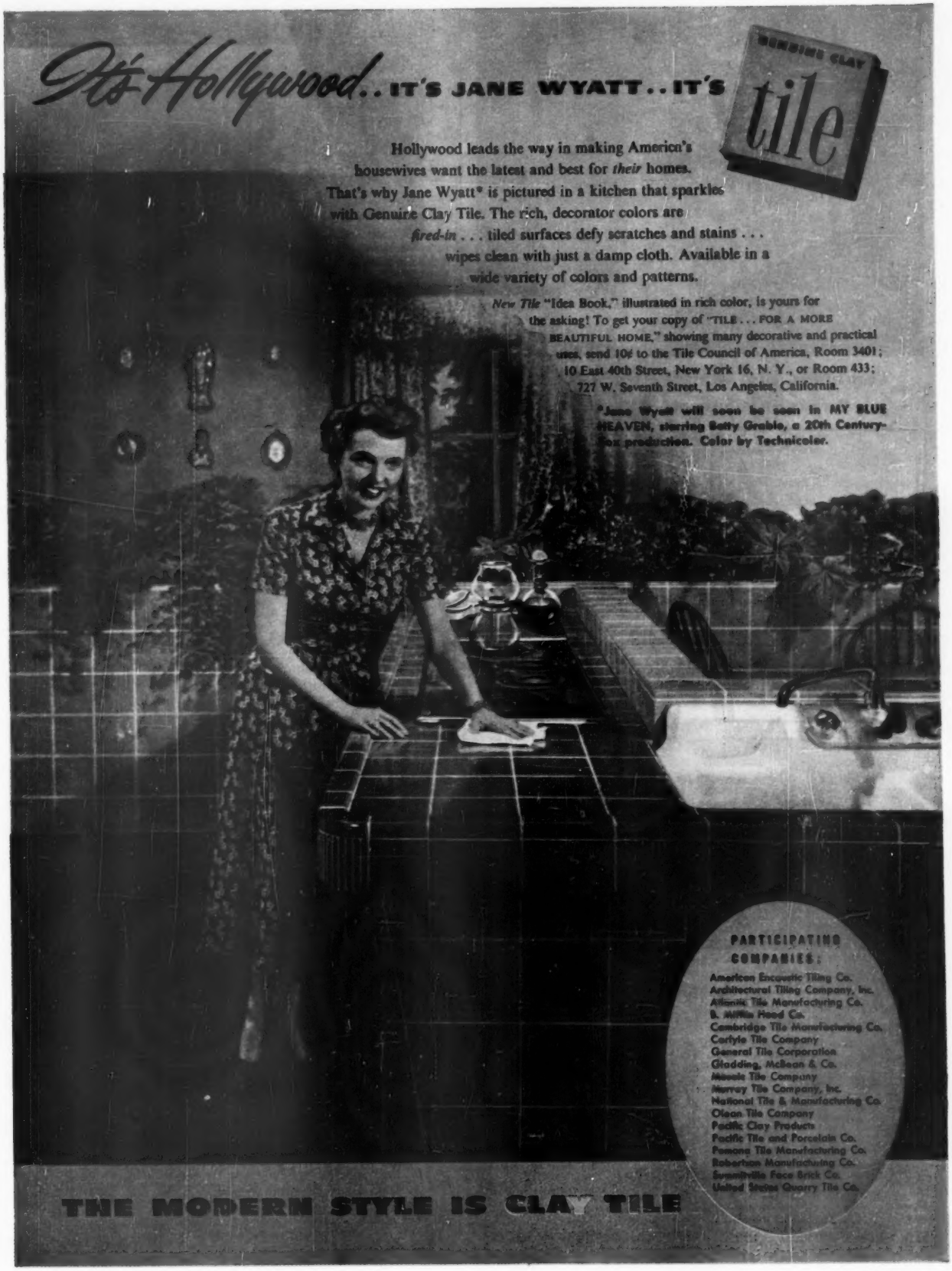
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Give up?

How important *is* neatness, and what can you do with an untidy offspring?

By Amy Selwyn

Do you dream, sometimes, about what it would be like to live with a couple of youngsters who *never* drop their clothes in heaps, *never* dribble food when they eat, *never* leave toys for you to pick up or to trip over? . . . You probably do, if your kids are at all like Andy.

Andy is 11 now, but as long as his parents can remember, Andy has been leaving a trail of discarded clothes and toys for someone else to pick up. They get pretty exasperated over the boy, but his dad always ends up by saying: "I guess you just have to expect the place to be a mess when you have kids—especially boys. Maybe if we stop bothering him, he'll outgrow it." And Mother always retorts: "But if I don't try to train him now, he'll never learn.

Andy's mother is right about one thing: Boys and girls *don't* naturally outgrow sloppy habits. If they don't learn to be neat and orderly when they're young, they may *never* learn. But she's wrong about the other: Deliberate training won't teach a youngster how to be neat. Rather, it may *stop* him from learning.

How, then, can you help your boy or girl learn neatness? Your first step is to understand that the average youngster—boy or girl—actually wants to learn how to eat and dress neatly and to keep his possessions in order. Even a toddler can sense that there's no surer way to get your praise and approval—and that means more to him than you know.

Here are seven painless rules that will help you teach your boy or girl to be neat and orderly:

1. Show you're glad he tries

Jackie, 2½, likes to feed himself, but he gets as much food all around him as in his mouth. By the time he's halfway finished, the floor, the table, and Jackie are a mess. Mother is disgusted, and lets him know it. She

Don't get excited; getting dirty's just doin' what comes nat'rally

takes away the fork and spoon, starts feeding him as fast as she can. Every meal is the same, and Jackie is making no progress.

Suppose, though, a large square of plastic cloth, which could be easily picked up, were placed beneath the table? Then mother might not get so impatient with the boy when he's messy. Instead, she might take time to praise Jackie for the effort he is making. He'd feel a lot happier and more confident; he'd try harder and maybe would soon learn how to get most, if not all, his food into his mouth.

2. Don't demand too much too soon

Little Sally's parents think 3½ isn't too young to learn putting toys away. Sally liked the idea at first, but now she starts to whimper whenever they suggest it. Is 3½ too young? No, Sally's parents' mistake was in asking her to accomplish too much too soon. First, they thought nothing of interrupting the child suddenly and telling her to start picking up and putting away. A 3-year-old shouldn't be asked to switch suddenly from one activity to another. She needs time to get used to the idea. Then, they tried to get Sally to put everything back in its original place. Toys were to be set neatly in a box; dolls belonged in a row on the shelf; blocks were to be piled up. A 3-year-old simply hasn't that much co-ordination or energy. Her parents should be satisfied to have her toss her toys in the box or to push the blocks into the right corner. Then they should pitch in and do the rest. A child will be surprisingly cooperative if you put across the idea that you're all doing the job together. Gradually, as she gets older and more capable, you can shift more responsibility to her. She won't mind taking it if she hasn't been rushed into it. [*Turn to next page*

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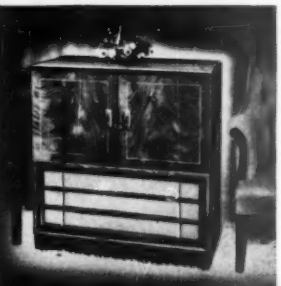

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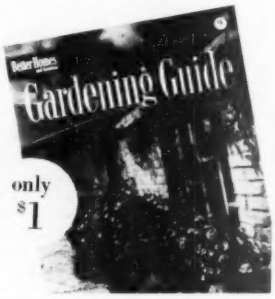

Pick up!

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Also, Sally's parents might try making cleaning up part of the game, instead of an unpleasant chore. They'd be surprised at how much Sally would do if they made it seem like fun to put her dolls to sleep on the shelf, or put her cars in a "garage" for the night.

3. Don't make impossible rules

Six-year-old Allen goes off every morning with shoes shined, hair slicked back, and a clean white shirt neatly tucked in. He comes home every afternoon with shoes scuffed, his hair wild, his shirt wrinkled or even torn. He comes home, too, to threats and scoldings, "You're not a baby any more," shouts his mother, "and you must learn to keep clean."

"Do you think we can buy you a new shirt every day?" snaps his father.

Next day, Allen goes out again and gets dirty. And the unhappy cycle will continue, unless his parents accept an important fact. Small boys and girls cannot play without getting dirty. Besides, rolling in the grass, playing in dirt, climbing, and jumping are good for them.

If Allen took his parents' advice about keeping away from dirt, he'd miss much of the fun in being a child. What's worse, he might get the idea that the more cautious and fearful he is, the better he'll get along in the world. Once that feeling takes hold, it may cramp him for the rest of his life.

Then, should his parents just sit back and let him ruin his clothes? Is it best to let any youngster make any kind of mess that suits him? Certainly not. It just isn't possible for any adult to live day in and day out with a messy, disorderly child and not feel disgusted or irritated. If you try not to show your irritation at this, you're bound to show it some other way.

Many people have gotten the idea that it's wrong for a parent to control a child in any way. They think that's the enlightened way to bring up children. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Even a young child knows instinctively that it's wrong to be untidy and disorderly *all* the time. He'd much rather know that there are definite and consistent rules to limit his impulses and instincts. *But* he craves the kind of rules that fit in with his needs and his capacities. Not the kind that simply force him to do what his parents want when they want it.

Allen's parents might do well to set up a system like this: In his afterschool play, Allen should be free to get as dirty as the other kids do, provided he comes home first and changes into dungarees, old shoes, and a sturdy jacket. On Sundays or when company comes, he's to get dressed up and stay reasonably clean. As soon as the boy sees that his parents understand his needs, he won't mind giving in on matters they think are important.

4. Don't expect constant progress

Nine-year-old Peggy hid her last report card for a week, so no one would see her D in deportment. Her worried parents asked the teacher to explain. Peggy wasn't badly behaved, the teacher told them. She got along well with the other children. It was just that she was so untidy! Her desk was always cluttered with books and papers. Her notebooks were a mess. Was she that way at home too? Her parents had to admit she was. The troubling thing was that when she was younger, Peggy had been a very neat child. If she was that way at 4 or 5, shouldn't she be better now, instead of worse?

Not necessarily. At 4, Peggy was merely imitating what she saw other people do. Real neatness can only develop as a youngster develops a sense of order within himself—and that can be a long, slow process. There are bound to be periods, too, when the child feels generally confused and disordered. That often happens at around 8 or 9, during the in-between stage when he's no longer a child, and not yet an adolescent. After a while, Peggy will start being neat and orderly once again, if her parents or teacher doesn't kill her interest by applying too much pressure or punishment.

5. Remember it's his room, not yours

Cathy's folks thought they'd finally found a way to get her to keep her room neat. For her twelfth

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"What's this book doing here?"

birthday, they had the room redecorated. Bought a new desk and dressing table. Her mother worked for weeks making new draperies and a bedspread.

But something went wrong. Cathy still dashes out in the morning without making her bed. She still throws her pajamas in a heap. Still keeps her drawers in a tangled clutter. But is she really being unreasonable? When Cathy's parents decided to redo the room, they didn't stop and ask her how she wanted it. It never entered their heads that a 12-year-old could have any ideas. Now Cathy is saying, in effect: "It's your room, not mine, so why don't *you* keep it clean? If you'd asked me to help, or tell you what I thought, I'd want to take care of it."

6. You should want a home, not a show place

Do your kids bring friends home to play or do they always seem to go to someone else's house? Fifteen-year-old Jeff was president of his sophomore class, so his folks knew he had plenty of friends, but he never brought anyone home. His folks couldn't see why. They had a piano, a game room, a phonograph. Their house was one of the largest on the block. But it was also a house where *order* came first, and people second. Ever since Jeff could remember, someone had been hovering over him, picking up, putting away, straightening out. Every piece of furniture had its established position.

Jeff's parents say you can't expect a boy to develop orderly habits if he doesn't live in an orderly house. And, true enough, a boy or girl can't learn to be neat in a house where Father leaves his clothes on chairs and never hangs anything up, or older brother lets ashes drop where they will. But if he lives in a house where nothing counts *but* neatness, then he'll only look around for somewhere else to play, and to feel at home.

7. Beware if a youngster is *too* neat

It happens, sometimes, that a youngster is neater than his parents expect him to be. He never gets any dirt on his clothes. He folds up things and puts them away. He wheels his bicycle into the garage without being told. He never forgets to close closet doors or drawers. Sounds wonderful, but is it? Sure it seems as if the boy who's very neat and orderly, who always seems to want to do what you tell him is showing a fine sense of responsibility and maturity. But if you take a close look, you might see that his extreme neatness is his way of protecting himself. Maybe he hasn't been shown enough that his parents really care for him. Maybe he has been shown too often that nothing he does or tries to do is good enough, that nothing he thinks seems important to them. Maybe he has been pushed ahead faster than he can go for failures he couldn't help.

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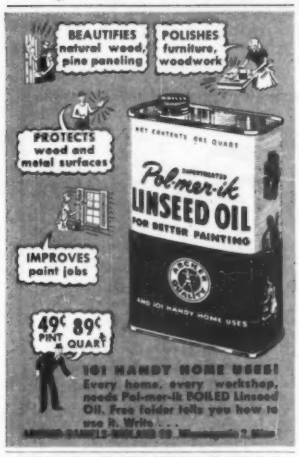

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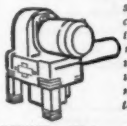

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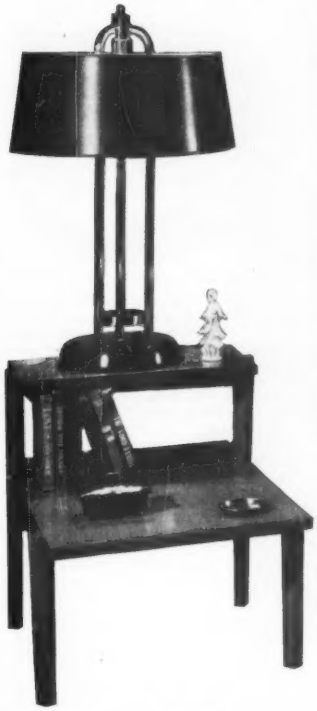

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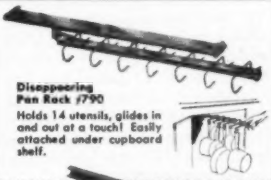

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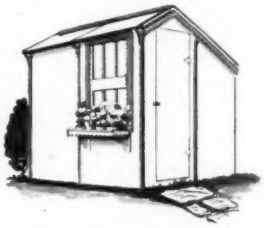

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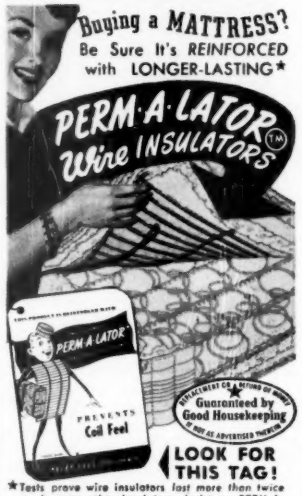

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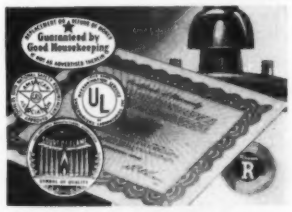

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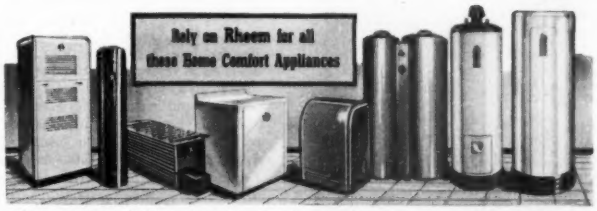

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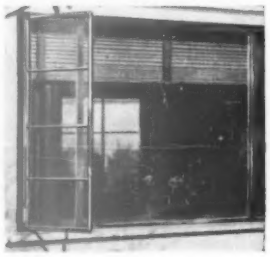

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Take a vacation you

to because it cost too much. Then think about an off-season vacation for next year!

And, if you went where you wanted to, but spent more than you could afford, plan for a 1951 holiday—out of season—that will let you go to the same resort at 10 to 40 percent less than you paid in 1950.

Don't forget that, in some cases, you have better weather off season than you do when the rush is at its peak. Think of autumn in New England, with the leaves golden and the sun mellow. Or summer in Florida, with a breeze blowing in from the ocean and the same average temperatures you might find at a northern resort. Or, again, autumn in the Rockies, when the aspen leaves turn the hillsides into a mass of yellow.

In these "slack" periods, not only room and meal prices come down. So, in many cases, do green fees on the golf courses, hourly or set charges on the tennis courts, rentals for boats or horses, prices for guided and chauffeured sightseeing trips in the neighborhood. In preparing this article, I polled hundreds of resorts in all sections of the country. The price cuts I finally chose as examples were in Florida, the Rockies, New York, New England, and on the California coast. But everywhere else, at least a few resorts offered lower rates off season than they did during the on season.

Since it's impossible to list here every resort with off-season rates, your best bet is to write in advance to the hotel, tourist cabin, ranch, motel, or housekeeping cottage of your choice, if you have one. Or you can write to the publicity bureau of the state in which it's located. Nearly every state maintains a tourist bureau, whatever its formal title. A letter addressed to "State Publicity Bureau, State Capitol," and the name of the capital city is sure to bring a prompt response. Ask about specific things. Is the swimming pool open out of season, or is it warm enough to swim? (In the North, June swimming is fine, but September swimming is chilly on inland lakes, though often pleasant at the seashore.) Are there reduced rates for golf and other outdoor sports? (Generally, there are.) Are the "extra" hotel facilities maintained?

Aside from the moneysaving, there are a lot of "plus" factors to commend an off-season vacation. A spokesman for the American Automobile Association stresses the safety factor. "Fewer cars, fewer accidents," he says succinctly. "Out of season, the drivers on the roads are mostly local people, who know how to handle that bad curve just ahead, and who use discretion in passing other cars. In season, a good many people try to drive too far too fast on strange roads. That's how accidents happen. It's sensible to travel out of season."

Tom Deegan, vice-president of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, puts the case for the transportation agencies. "A vacation out of season," he says, "pays dividends in health, in a relaxed mental outlook, and in actual money. You can relax, without distraction."

Eddie Rickenbacker, president of Eastern Air Lines, points up Deegan's comments. "Who," he asks, "would have believed, just a few years ago, that 81 percent of the 357 hotels in Miami Beach would be open during the summer of 1950? Who would have guessed that summer travel, by air and rail, to Florida, would now be greater than prewar winter travel? Who could have foreseen the extended spring and fall seasons in the Carolinas and Georgia? What caused it was the public's growing year-round demand for a change of scene, a change of climate, a change of activity."

All right. We'll assume that you've now been sold on the off-season vacation. The next question you may ask is this: Can I get the time off when I want it?

Generally, unless you're employed by a company which follows the antiquated practice of a seasonal layoff during the summer, the answer is apt to be affirmative. The National Association of Travel Officials reports a growing awareness on the part of employers that holidays, spaced over the year, make for more efficient operation than a July-August vacation stampede.

Assuming you can convince the boss that off season is a smart time for you to go, then the question arises: "What about the kids. Can we get them out of school?"

Ninety-nine times out of a hundred, the answer is "yes." Dean Dan Davies, of the School of Administration at Teachers College, Columbia University, is encouraging about your chances.

"The rules vary from state to state," says Davies, "but local school boards or superintendents are generally happy to release a child for two weeks because of the educational value of travel.

"Your youngster may not have the best marks in his class. He may, perhaps, be poorly adjusted to school. In that case, perhaps a trip will mature him by bringing him in contact with new things and with his own family, teaching him that geography is not just a colored map."

The National Education Association, spokesman for American teachers, reports an increasing pressure for a 12-month school year. A section of the N.E.A., meeting last year at Durham, New Hampshire, proposed school all

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year around, with extra time to be devoted to "fun," such as travel or arts and crafts. Until this revolutionary change occurs, however, the chances are excellent, anyway, that you can get your child out of school for an off-season holiday.

Moneywise, as American Automobile Association figures reveal, it's often cheaper to go to one resort and stay there than it is to keep on the move continuously. Elmer Jenkins, AAA National Travel Director, sets a figure of $30 a day for a touring family of four driving in its own car. Economy-minded vacationists can shave this figure, but, as the statistics below reveal, it may still be less expensive to settle down in one spot for your holiday, even at the more elaborate resorts.

Coast to coast, here is the off-season picture, with some striking, individual examples of bargain rates:

California—On the coast, south of San Francisco, the off season is from October to late May. In cities, such as Los Angeles, March through May, and September through November are off, and rates at individual establishments are lower. The weather is excellent—sunny and warm in spring, with a green landscape and bright flowers; warm in fall. In high winter, there is a short rainy season, but even this is broken by spring-like days. Laguna Beach, down the coast from Los Angeles, cuts its rates 25 to 30 percent from October to May. An apartment which rents for $10 daily (four persons, including two children) during the summer drops to $8 or $7 a day during the off season. All through southern California, ocean fishing, golf, tennis, badminton, and horseback riding go on the year around. Ocean swimming after mid-October is out, however. Too cool. The temperature tops 80 in September and rarely drops to the 60's during high winter. In the redwood country of northern California, the off season runs from mid-September to mid-June. From November until April, there is no swimming.

Southwest (Arizona and New Mexico)—In Albuquerque and Phoenix, each with more than 100 tourist courts, the off season begins October 1 and ends May 15. Rates in most establishments drop 5 to 10 percent, with some places offering discounts for long stays. At one motel, in Kingman, Arizona, the on-season rate is $42; the off-season rate $30, a saving of 30 percent. At the most luxurious desert lodges, there are savings, too. El Rancho de San Geronimo, at Taos, cut its weekly rate for a family of four, including meals, from $205 to $185. At fancy sun resorts like the Em-Bar-Bee Desert Lodge, at Douglas, Arizona, the rush comes from October to May. During the summer, the weekly inclusive family rate at the Em-Bar-Bee drops from $392 to $266. Summer temperatures never rise above 93.

At Camelback Inn in Arizona, the rates from November 2 to December 28 are about 25 percent less than peak season, and from April 1 to closing, May 1, are about 10 percent less. Camelback also gives 10 percent off to honeymooners and children under 14 years before January and during April. At Jokake Inn, also in Arizona, rates are approximately 25 percent less from November 15 to January 15 and during April.

Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon, Northern Idaho)—This is ranch, mountain resort, and seashore country. Out on the Olympic Peninsula, the off season is from Labor Day to July 1. On season, lodging will typically cost $75 to $90 a week for a family of four. Off season, it drops to about $60. Meals stay constant the year round, about $5 per adult per day, $3.75 for children under 8. In the mountains, where snow falls early, the off season is short—from May 30 to June 15, and from September 15 to November 15. Wildflowers are brightest during the spring; cold nights and crisp air are invigorating in the fall. On-season rates, in most mountain ranches, run $270 (with meals) for the family of four; off-season rates drop to $180. On rates include the exclusive use of a riding horse. Off rates do not, though on the average Northwest ranch, a horse can be rented for $1.50 for the first hour and $1 for each hour thereafter.

Rockies (Colorado, Montana, Northern New Mexico, Wyoming)—This is mountain country, with more than 200 dude ranches where you can ride the trails, hike, fish, or hunt in season. Rates include meals and the exclusive use of a horse, and are thus generally higher, even during the off season, than at seashore or lowland resorts. Pack trips are part of the recreation often offered without extra charges. On season generally is from July 1 to August 30, off season from May 15 to July 1, and from September 1 to the end of October. Colorado and Wyoming are high-altitude states, with low temperatures at night. In June, it will be 40 at night and 68 during the day; in September 45 at night and 70 during the day. Ralph D. Salisbury, owner of Saddle Pocket Ranch at Slater, Colorado, sums up the advantage of an off-season dude-ranch vacation.

"May and June, September and October are beautiful months," he says. "The crowd is smaller; there is more choice of horses, and longer rides are possible. People who like to feel they are part of the ranch outfit, who enjoy the West for itself—the climate and scenery—prefer off-season holidays out here more than they do the months of July and August." A sampling of rates for a family of four shows

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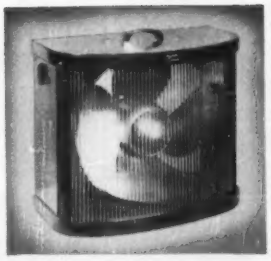

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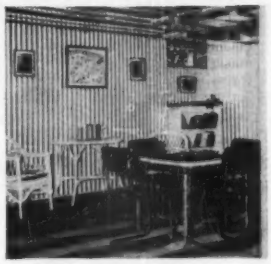

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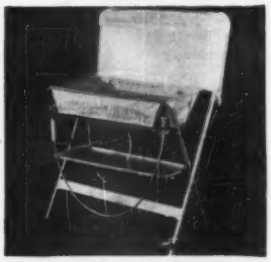

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these variations between on and off season:

Ranch	On Season Per Week	Off Season Per Week
Saddle Pockets Slater, Colorado	$230	$220
Wilderness Trails Bayfield, Colorado	$245	$196
St. Mary's Glacier Lodge Idaho Springs, Colorado	$288	$260
Drowsy Water Granby, Colorado	$270	$250
Idlewild Inn Winter Park, Colorado	$110	$ 90
Lazy K Bar Big Timber, Montana	$310	$250
Nine Quarter-Circle Gallatin Gateway, Montana	$270	$197
CM Quarter-Circle Kalispell, Montana	$280	$240
Valley Ranch Valley, Wyoming	$266	$240
R Lazy S Ranch Moose, Wyoming	$280	$200

Off-season dates vary at these typical ranches. For specific information, write such organizations as the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad (Denver); the Northern Pacific or Great Northern (St. Paul); the Milwaukee Road (Chicago); the Union Pacific (Omaha); Southern Pacific (San Francisco); or Atchison, Topeka, & Sante Fe (Chicago); Rock Island (Chicago); Burlington Lines (Chicago); Northwest Airlines (Minneapolis); United Airlines (New York); or Trans-World Airlines (Chicago Airport); or Greyhound Bus Lines (Chicago). Each mountain state has its own dude-ranch association, whose literature can be obtained from the railroads, or from state publicity bureaus.

Swank places in the mountains, such as the world-famous Broadmoor at Colorado Springs, also lower their rates between October 1 and June 1. Daily rates on double rooms drop from $20 to $15 a day, but except in high winter you can golf, play tennis, or ride in comfort, and you can swim, dance, or skate all year around. January is the only month when the temperature is apt to stay below freezing for longer than a day or two. At Sun Valley, summer and early fall is the bargain time. Union Pacific offers a special rate of $38.75 per week (four in a room) exclusive of meals, during July, August, and September.

Midwest (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, the Dakotas)—Here the rates, on the average, remain the same from an early June opening to a late September or early October closing. You get your dividends, therefore, in rest and the absence of cross-country highway crowds. There's excellent fishing in the lake states; boating, canoeing, hiking, riding, and tennis continue, but swimming is pretty much out after Labor Day—too cold. Perfect accommodations are easy to find, nights are ideal for slumber, and mornings are fresh and brisk. A few places, catering to honeymooners, offer reduced rates during June. Big Boulder Lodge, at Boulder Junction, Wisconsin, cuts its summer rate of $14 to $20 per person daily (American plan) to $12.50 per person daily during May, June, and part of September. At Hot Springs, South Dakota, in the Black Hills, the reduction is even more striking—from $50 during late June, July, and August, to $18 per week during September at most cabin courts. Of course, this figure doesn't include meals.

Ozarks (Missouri and Arkansas)—Off season is from March 1 to Decoration Day and from Labor Day well into November. Rates at leading resorts drop from an average of $49 to an average of $35 during these periods, European plan, for a family of four. The only recreation not enjoyable during spring and fall is swimming. As a counterbalance, there is a flaming display of dogwood, redbud, apple blossoms, and wildflowers during the spring, and of autumn leaves during the fall.

New York and **Pennsylvania**—Many mountain resorts offer reductions ranging from 25 to 50 percent of summer rates during April, May, and October, and some have a special honeymooner's rate during June. (They really don't care whether you're on your honeymoon or not, but you can take advantage of the rates.) At Lake Placid, a village with 5,000 rooms available, rates drop sharply in many establishments out of season. The Mirror Lake Inn is typical. On-season rate for a family of four, meals included, after June 15, is $210; off-season rate, before June 15, is only $151. At Baxter Mountain Lodge, in nearby Keene Valley, the on-season rate is $190 (June 1 to September 15), and the off-season rate (the balance of the year) is $150. All through New York and Pennsylvania, prices in resort towns drop when the crowds depart. Golf and tennis are possible in the spring and fall, but it's too cold to swim enjoyably.

New England—This much-traveled section contains three types of resorts—seashore, mountain, and inland lakes. On the coast, the off season runs from late September to April. In the mountains and on the lakes, off season, except in ski areas, is from April to mid-June and from mid-September to late October. In New Hampshire, Vermont, and the Berkshire Hills of Massachusetts, rates drop from $10 per person daily, American plan, to $6 per person during the off season. The spring, before the crowds come and the rates rise, is ideal in this area for fishing, hiking, and blossom tours; the autumn for golf, foliage touring, and hunting. Between Labor Day and Thanksgiving there are almost 500 events, ranging from husking bees to foliage trips and guided hikes. Spring weather is apt to be good; September is a prize month. Weather Bureau statistics for New England reveal that there are more sunny days in September than in any other month, and that ocean water temperature as far north as Bar Harbor is 10 degrees higher in September than in June!

There are some striking dis-

counts off season. At the Rangeley Lakes Hotel, in Maine, one of the more elaborate resorts, prior to July 20, there is a 25 percent discount. Thus two rooms for the family, including meals, will drop from $36 a day to $27 a day, with such sports as golf, tennis, badminton, horseback riding, boating, canoeing, swimming, and dancing included in the lower rate. At the Basin Harbor Club, at Vergennes, Vermont, rates do not change, but extra fees for boats, golf, tennis, and other recreations are dropped. The Garnet Inn, at Center Harbor, New Hampshire, drops its rate for a family of four from $180 on season to $160 off season. At Stowe, Vermont, where winter is the on season, one resort drops its rate from $160 for four in winter to $140 per week in summer.

Coastal section (New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia)—Shore resorts, among which Atlantic City, Asbury Park, and Virginia Beach are typical, drop their daily rates for a family of four from an average of $20 a day, European plan, to $12 or even $10 a day. The off season here varies somewhat according to latitude. In New Jersey, September to June is the off period. In Virginia, late October to mid-April covers the same ground. Inland, in the mountains, off months run from November through March, and rates at typical motels drop from $70 a week to $50. Snow is rare, the weather is clear, the roads are open, and the famous Virginia caverns maintain the same temperature the year around.

Swank places drop their prices, too. The Berkeley-Carteret, at Asbury Park, New Jersey, cuts its minimum rate for a family of four in two double rooms from $20 daily (European plan) to $16 daily. Winter on the coast is pleasant, with bracing, sunny days, and little snow. Inland, the Greenbrier, at White Sulphur Springs, offers another chance to enjoy luxury at lowered rates. Its off season runs from late November to early March. Rates during this period for a family of four, including lunch and dinner, are $38 per day. During the on season, comparable accommodations cost $54 a day. You can golf, ride, walk, or play tennis all year around, but you can't swim, of course, during the winter.

The Carolinas; Georgia; Tennessee—Summer rates are reduced from 10 to 25 percent, in mid-September, the beginning of a month of flaming leaves. Asheville, the best known tourist town in the Carolina mountains, offers the greatest reductions. Tourist courts, for example, drop from $10 daily to $8 daily; heated cottages from $50 to $30; resort hotels (American plan) from $240 weekly to $170 weekly. In towns such as Chimney Rock, Brevard, Little Switzerland, and Spruce Pines, rates drop a third after Labor Day, and resorts close in November, reopening in April. Golf courses in the Carolinas and Georgia are open the year around, as are riding stables. The fall is an especially good time to see the famous waterfalls in the mountains, and all principal scenic attractions continue to operate. Temperatures rarely drop to freezing, even in midwinter.

Florida—Florida offers the greatest off-season reductions of any vacation area. From May 1 through November, prices take a nose dive. Hotels which charge from $25 to $40 daily during the winter season for two persons ($40 to $80 for four) rent the selfsame rooms for $8 to $15 daily ($16 to $30 for four). The average reduction is 50 to 66 percent—and this applies not only in Miami Beach, but also in such communities as Fort Lauderdale, where four persons can spend a week for $195, with motor tours and a boat cruise to the Everglades thrown in, St. Petersburg, Tampa, and all the other major resorts of the state. At one Daytona Beach resort, the rate is $126 (European plan) for a family of four during the on season and $84 (European plan) during the off season. Because Daytona Beach is among the coolest of Florida resorts in summer, some places there charge as much from June to September as they do in winter, but offer 15 to 25 percent reductions in May, and during the fall. Summer temperatures at most Florida beaches average out at 78 to 81 degrees, sometimes hitting the 90's, but no higher than those found in northern cities during the same time of year. If you don't mind walking a few blocks to the ocean, you can get a room for as little as $10 a week per person.

Here are a few sample rates, summer against winter, picked at random from the Miami Beach listing:

HOTEL	SUMMER (4 persons)	WINTER (4 persons)
President		
Madison	$16 per day	$64 per day
Robert Richter	$24 per day	$80 per day
Tiffany	$60 per week	$210 per week

Fishing, tennis, golf, and sailing go on all summer in Florida; most hotels operate all their facilities. And round-trip fares to Florida from New York and other Eastern cities are 25 percent less during summer and early fall, whether you travel by train, bus, or air.

That's the picture on off-season vacations, coast to coast. Florida is the most spectacular, with the Carolinas and the Rockies as runners-up. But wherever you go, rates are apt to be down. You'll enjoy a leisurely, restful vacation, a "go-as-you-please" vacation. And you'll learn, as more and more Americans among the 55,000,000 who take a holiday every year have discovered, that off season is the best season—cheapest, most relaxing, most rewarding.

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If all hearts beat as one.

—*Thomas Curtis Clark*

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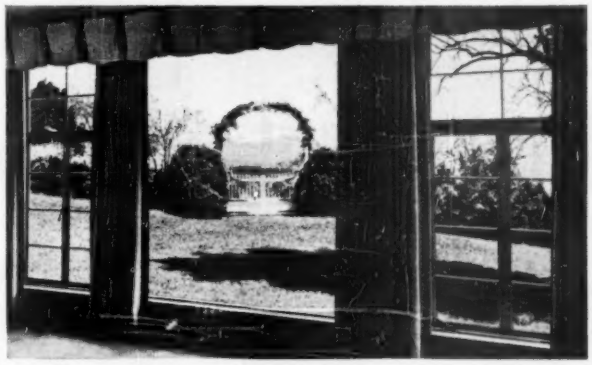

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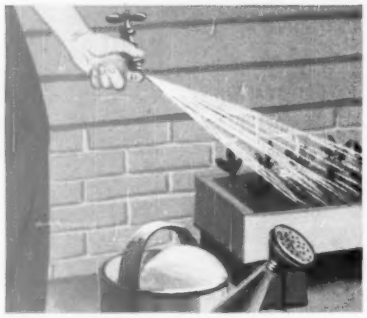


Keep your slips close to faucet. The time and work of watering cuttings will be considerably lessened and chances of remembering to water will be greater

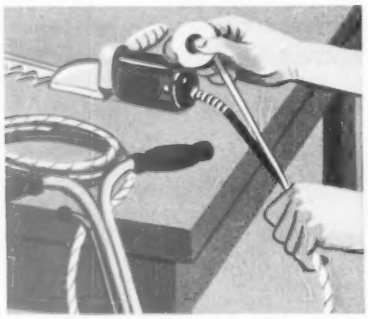
George Gifford, South Bend, Indiana

Clean tools in jiffy with sand. Borrow some sand from Junior's sandbox and keep handy. Thrust tool in sand to scour; use burlap if the soil is sticky

John Moore, Chicago, Illinois

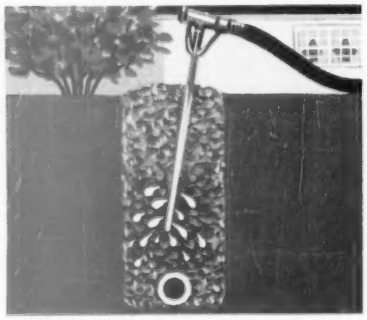
Soak large weeds before pulling. Weeds pull hard in dry soil. Make weed-pulling easy after returning from vacation by soaking soil with water

Mrs. Maud Jacobs, South Carrollton, Kentucky



Clipper-cord saver. Wrap white adhesive tape for a few feet back of clipper; easy-to-see cord won't be cut by accident. Tape electric mower cord, too

Mrs. Martin Rathien, Alhambra, California



Speedy settling of lawn mounds. Thrust root-watering tube deep into mound. Allow just a slow stream of water. Mound will settle in a few days

William Heard, Des Moines, Iowa

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South

Sow warmth-loving annuals in the Lower South such as balsam, calendulas, cosmos, marigolds, and zinnias. In Middle South plant quick-flowering annuals such as alyssum, candytuft, marigolds, phlox, and zinnias.

Sow hulled Bermuda grass seed as far north as Memphis, Chattanooga, Greensboro, and Richmond.

Keep a heavy mulch on azalea and camellia beds, but do not feed.

Keep dahlias growing by watering them regularly; this is a critical month. A mulch retains moisture. *W. Elbridge Freeborn*

Central—East

Start a new lawn or renovate an old lawn doing poorly. Prepare the soil now and wait until after the middle of the month to sow grass seed; sowing grass seed now is superior to spring planting. Feed lawns late in the month to promote fall growth.

Plant evergreens; they are fairly dormant now preparatory to starting new growth when fall rains start. Set out other plants, including kinds of wildflowers that are inactive now.

Cut back new shoots on your evergreens to keep them compact. Make the cuts back to side shoots and on the underside of the branch, if possible, so scars won't show.

Plant quick-maturing vegetables such as onion sets, radishes, lettuce, turnips, spinach and kale. *Harvey Bicknell*

Texas—Southwest

Continue to feed mums at 10-day intervals until the buds show color. Water well before and after feeding. Discontinue pinching.

Sow zinnias for late fall bloom. Cut back old plants to rejuvenate them. Feed each plant with a teaspoonful of plant food and keep plants watered.

Re-pot freesias and hyacinths for winter bloom. Hold off watering them freely until mid-September.

Plant Madonna lilies and all iris except bulbous type. *Marian Price Scruggs*

Pacific Northwest

Continue the control of strawberry weevils —one of the worst pests in the Northwest.

Keep camellias and rhododendrons watered; otherwise dry roots will result in bud drop in the spring. Water newly planted trees and shrubs.

Feed fuchsias and begonias with liquid plant food to encourage them to flower continuously. *Ada V. Turner*

California

Sow such biennials as foxglove, Canterburybells, and sweetwilliams now. Sow early-flowering sweetpeas for winter blooms.

Cut the oldest-looking climbing-rose canes back to the ground. Then feed and water for good fall blooms.

Divide bearded iris, trollius, and other spring bloomers. *Alfred C. Hottes*

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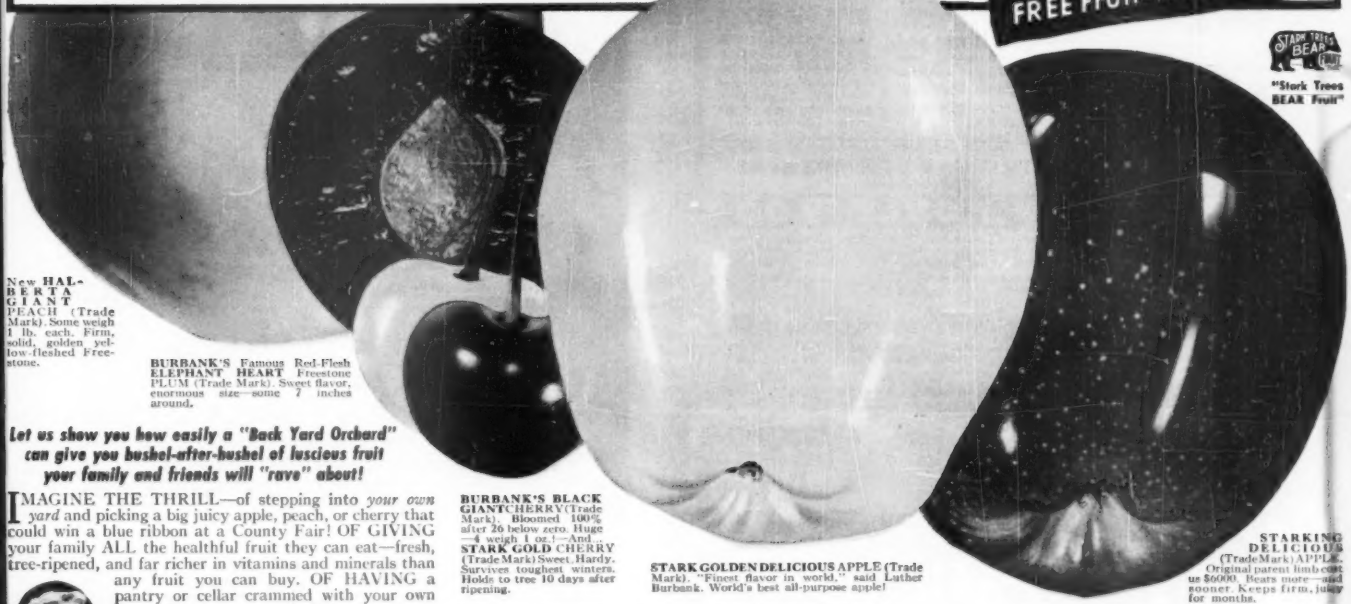

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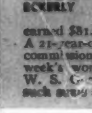

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By Katharine M-P. Cloud

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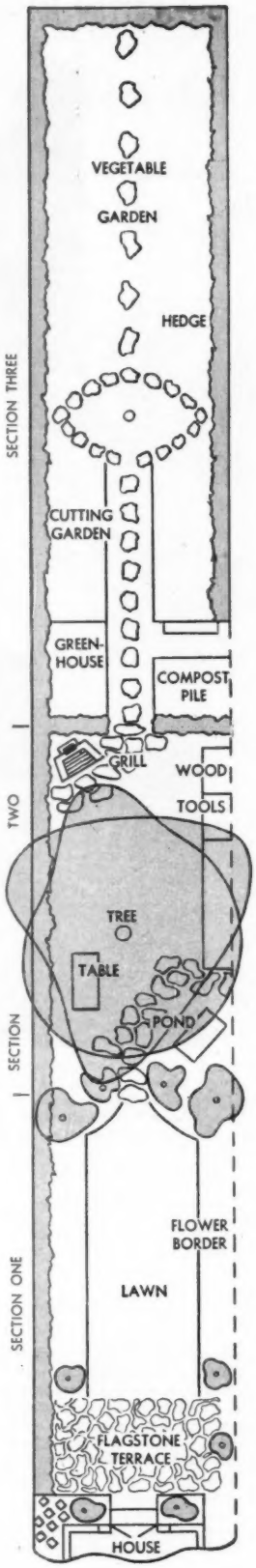
The best way to get an idea of what the Matthewses have accomplished is to look at the plot plan of their lot (right) and at the photographs of their garden. Even if your lot isn't quite as narrow as theirs, you may find ideas you can use for your own home.



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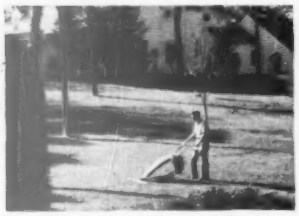

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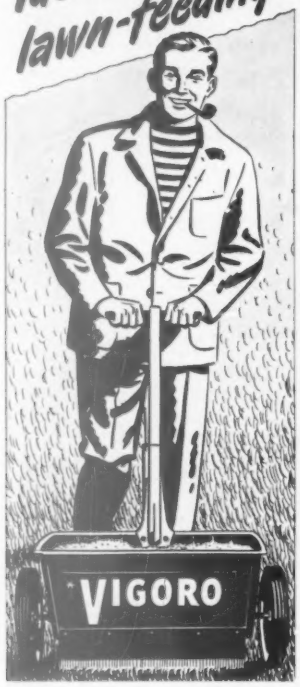

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The diary of a plain dirt gardener

By Harry R. O'Brien

It poured rain, but this was the evening Maggie wanted broccoli. So I had to wade in the mud to gather a mess

August 1 Excuse please, for mentioning it again, but glads are among the highlights on our plantation at the moment. Going over my collection, not of the ultranew ones, I took note of good old Picardy, that large salmon-pink. Came out in 1931, and soon became the most popular glad in the world. It is as good today as ever, though not so fashionable any more with the glad fans.

Picardy turned out to be one of the most noted parents of outstanding varieties. In my little collection I have Beacon, King Lear, Spotlight, Vagabond Prince, California, Ethel Cave-Cole, Marguerite, and Mother Kadel, all of Picardy ancestry.

Among my new dahlias this year is Ike, just coming into bloom. Ike is a dwarf—classed as a miniature formal decorative. The blooms are three and a half inches or so across and of deep blood-red color. There has been a big interest in these little dahlias of late. And why not?

David is making plans to go on a vacation trip out West with his friend Jack. We've already spent a wad of money getting his old campus jalopy overhauled, and four new tires and what not.

Black spot showed up on rose leaves, so after supper I whooshed all the bushes with a general-purpose dust

This morning David hustled out to mow the grass. He says this will have to do for the two weeks while he is gone. He insists that neither Donald nor I must touch that new mower he bought back in May.

Sad news is that I see some telltale little black spots showing up on leaves of roses here and yon. This means I failed to get out between showers the past few days and dust the roses. No dust, more rain—and presto, black spot appearing in a few hours. So after supper tonight, whooshed all the bushes with general-purpose dust. No wind, dust hung in air and settled down on leaves—which is ideal.

August 2 It is more blessed to give than to receive. When time came for Maggie to take home the woman who comes this day each week to help with laundry and cleaning, up I came from the vegetable patch with a big basket. It was filled with sweet corn, squash, three kinds of cucumbers, and ripe tomatoes, for her.

David is still in doubt as to whether he has earned enough to finance that trip. So to keep me in good humor, he hoed weeds out of the old iris beds. Then he hitched up the garden tractor and did a lot of cultivating. He was seen working around the roses. I was plugging along, too, at a little private battle of my own with the weeds.

August 3 David hurried out, right under a broiling sun, and weeded the two rows of mums back in the vegetable garden. Then got ground ready for fall vegetables. Which reminds me that yesterday I dug our onion crop. Not anything to brag about. I put them in flats to dry for a day or two in the sun. I'll store them in the tool shed for several weeks before they go to the basement

While David toiled this late p.m., I made an application of plant food to the front lawn with the little hopper on wheels. You see, in these parts, it is good lawn practice to do this any time from now up to early October. Half I put on included 2,4-D, and the other half did not. I'm making an experiment to see if this way of weed killing will work.

August 4 Out early enough to take color pics of a few more glads, including Queen of Hearts. Then got after weeds in roses, which is a regular evening chore. These grow faster than I can hoe and pull, and I'm losing ground, especially with pursley and foxtail. That plant food David put around last month has made the weeds grow as well as the roses.

August 5 Just as Maggie rang the supper bell, I was within three rhizomes of finishing the planting of iris for this year. I quit and finished after supper. These are divisions of older clumps from another bed that need dividing and resetting.

Set up a little table in the yard to take color pictures of annuals. Maggie had to help me with the arranging

My new bed is full and I still have several old clumps not touched. I don't know what to do. There are some odd spots that could be beautified with iris, but I'd never get them weeded next summer. Maybe I should dig the rest and give them to the poor.

David was all excited today, getting ready for his trip—buying films for camera and movie and some genuine levis to wear out West. I went with him to the bank and paid him generously for his summer's work. He bought traveler's checks.

After supper his conscience began to bother him. Maybe he hadn't done enough for all that money. Besides, he doesn't want Donald to mess around with the tractor after he is gone. So he put the sickle bar on the front of the tractor and went out to mow ragweeds and such in places that can be reached with power. He worked away under the moonlight, the tractor snorting, until he had it all mowed.

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To the store for bacon; did note that Mrs. Edith, who helps at the meat counter, had a bloom of King Lear glad tucked in her hair. I knew this dark glad was King Lear by the faint silver edge around the petals.

Back home, I went right out and made a color picture of King Lear. Then over to make a picture of Golden Century, a truly magnificent zinnia of dahlia-flowered type, a new shade of color on the market

Maggie and I viewed flower arrangements. One, so help me, was snapdragons stuck in a slice of watermelon

this year. I've been watching the blooms unfold and have waited for several days. But what the heck? The good blooms were all gone. At suppertime I found them—in a vase in the living room.

Cleaned up the mum bed and my, how the plants are thriving. Already most of them are putting out underground shoots in every direction. This is a sign they will likely come through next winter.

August 7 Poor Scratch, the dog, kept looking for David everywhere—and wouldn't be contented. Inside, he wanted out. Outside, he tore off the front screen door and climbed back in, when we weren't looking. It seemed sorta lonesome for the rest of us, too.

Since it was Sunday, I went forth to take color pictures of annuals. I set up a little table, with a vase, began to cut and arrange, so I could make the shots with a big viburnum bush as background. Was perplexed at this arrangement business, so called on Maggie for help.

After one vase of posies was snapped, I threw the zinnias on the ground. Maggie said they'd wilt, so she'd just run into the house with them. She never came back. I went ahead, under a hot sun, and spent a happy hour making my own arrangements or just snapping pictures of the posies on the plants.

One was a new dwarf French single marigold named Sunny—mighty fine. Made more shots of Fashion, the new 1950 floribunda rose that is taking the country by storm. Also of Masquerade, one of the most peculiar roses I ever saw, with blooms from yellow to red, all

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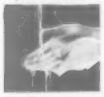

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on bush at once. Bloom is now coming on *Mirabilis uniflora*—that's the new trumpet-in-trumpet four-o'clock.

August 8 Tramp, tramp, tramp was my lot for today, and I haven't joined the militia, either. Maggie has started up her food preservation factory again—tomato juice and putting corn down in the freezer. So I tramp out for baskets of these. Tramp back again to take cobs and shucks out to compost pile. Back and forth. Hard on my poor feet. But all for the family good.

One of my best sayings is that it is a poor stick of a gardener who can't find a basket of weeds to pull after supper, any night in August. Guess I'm a superduper gardener. I had no trouble getting two bushels tonight.

August 9 When Maggie and I got home about eleven tonight, after a movie, there was a note on the stair post from Donald, already in bed, to call Western Union. It was a message from David, wired from the top of Pike's Peak. "Everything is fine," it said. I had warned him over and over not to try driving up mountains with the old car.

August 11 Time is fleeting, and I've put it off too long already. So hurried out ahead of supper and made some fall garden. A row of turnips, a row of bush beans, and a third row divided among leaf lettuce, Chinese cabbage, and beets. The beets may not do any good. It's a bit early yet for fall spinach.

August 12 For mebbe three hours it poured down a steady rain, to soak up the thirsty ground. No outdoor work. But this was the identical evening when Maggie's supper menu called for broccoli. So out I had to wade in wet and mud, to gather a mess. Oh well, it did taste good.

August 13 As I worked away, along came Maggie. The poor soul is worried because we haven't heard from David since Pike's Peak. Maybe he never got down. "Hush up," says I. "He can take care of himself. When Donald was his age, he was off to the wars and in places like Germany and Okinawa."

August 15 I'm having trouble with Maggie again. She wants to begin picking the muskmelons before they are ripe. So I stood in the back hall by the kitchen door and made my annual oration. "Before a muskmelon is ripe, it must smell like a melon," says I. "Two, the blossom end begins to get a bit soft when you press it. Third, the stem dries and you can flip it loose with your thumb. Don't you dare pick one until it can pass all three tests."

August 19 News here is I must go to Minnesota on business. Maggie will go along, and we'll both get a bit of vacation. That is the reason for new tires for the car, divers other purchases, my hurry to get the place in order. Why Maggie was downtown getting her hair frizzed today. I met her at the bus as she came back and we went to the grocery.

"We'd better get some muskmelons," says I. "None of ours are ripe yet." So we did. When I went forth to my evening labors and to garner things for supper, I spied a hill of Honeyrock melons that I'd been overlooking. I came back to the kitchen with four ripe melons of our own. My, how good they tasted.

August 21 Found time to sit down to typewriter this a.m. and write a long memorandum, headed "Your Homework." This I put on David's desk in his room. Made long oration to Donald about his duties while we are to be gone. All packed up, we're off and away. We carry traveler's checks, some in my name, some in Maggie's—the latter a safeguard in case something happens to me.

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August 24 Whom should I find staying in our hotel but my old friend Milt Carleton—the very identical Carleton who writes the "Have You Heard?" department in *Better Homes & Gardens*. Leaving Maggie with friends, I hitched up the family chariot. Milt and I drove out southwest to visit the All-America trial grounds at the farm of a nationally known seed firm. This is one trial I had never visited before. One of the most interesting sights was a planting of Fire Chief, the 1950 All-America petunia. Among the 1951 trial entries, still under number, was a wonderful new tithonia and some fine dwarf petunias.

August 25 Once again deserted Maggie to go garden visiting. No space to tell of the gardens visited, or of the good Twin City garden folks I met. But take it from me, the Lyndale Park Rose Garden is one of the best in America.

Called home on phone tonight and it was none other than David who answered. He was back and bubbling over with his adventures.

August 26 Northward went Maggie and I this afternoon and toward night came to fabulous Duluth. Bless my soul, if the annual summer flower show of the Duluth Garden Flower Society wasn't being held right in the hotel where we were staying. So after supper, Maggie and I went to see.

To me, the most important feature was the dahlias. Some of the most outstanding I saw were Commando, Miss Hester Pape, Mother Koenig, United Nations, Flash, Nancy Mitchell, and Red Sea. There were many fine glads there, too. This country grows both superbly.

Oh, the flower arrangements. These always catch Maggie's attention. As we came to a class marked "Natural Containers," I spied one entry that was snapdragons stuck into a slice of watermelon. This is the gospel truth.

August 27 Took my summer vacation today, just relaxing. But not Maggie. First thing she was off to visit those fine stores of Duluth. Back she came at lunchtime, with two dresses she had bought.

August 28 Up on the heights above Duluth is the famed Skyline Parkway Drive. It now runs for 40 miles, somebody said, all marked out. Toward noon we drove about 12 miles along this, with Duluth below, Superior, Wisconsin, nearby, and the wonderful blue of Lake Superior going on until it meets the sky. Then we went for a sight-seeing trip up to the Mesabi Iron Range.

August 29 Drove back down to Minneapolis today, but around by way of Brainerd. I'm to attend a convention of college professors here—teachers of journalism. We are all being housed and fed in Pioneer Hall, a dormitory on the University of Minnesota campus. I like to come to this university, for I know Dr. J. L. Morrill, the president, so well I call him by his middle name. But oh dear—I'm afraid Maggie will go shopping.

Paths and walks you'll want to make

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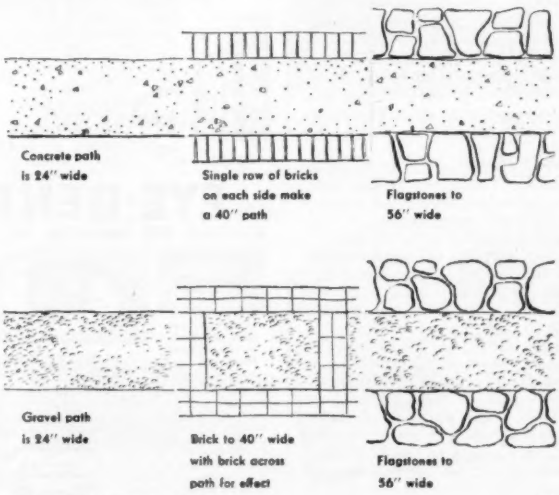

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My boy's not going to go to college

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myself, but I didn't have to plug as hard on books as Pete does.

Don't get the idea my boy is dumb. He has a good head and can think clearly when he takes time to do it. He's good at tinkering, and he can draw. But those qualifications don't make him college material. So he and I have agreed not to waste his time and my money by sending him to college.

The prevailing idea that every boy or girl should have a college education as a right, may be wrong. Personally, I go along with Mark Hopkins, who said while president of Dartmouth, "I believe we should hold very definitely to the principle that higher education is a privilege, not a right, and that those to whom a higher education should be given are those who desire it, those who seek it, and those who crave it for the privilege of using it." I think the Hopkins doctrine should be put into practice by raising, not lowering, both entrance requirements and scholastic standards. Then college degrees will really mean something.

A liberal arts course should increase a man's ability to keep on learning easily and accurately. But every day I see happy, intelligent men operating power shovels, painting houses, or managing their own little businesses. Their minds are alert, they think straight, and their opinions make sense. They didn't go to college, but they are using their minds as well as most college graduates.

That brings up a point raised by one of my friends: Isn't Pete going to miss the intellectual stimulation which college supplies? Honestly, I can't see that missing four years on some campus is going to deprive Pete of anything really important. He won't have an "old school tie" or a fraternity pin to gather dust in later years, but he can do a good job of learning without them. Thousands have.

Every first-class library offers suggested reading courses. Most school systems have adult education programs. Thousands of men and women take advantage of extension courses and other forms of noncampus education. Pete probably will too.

When Pete is out in the world on his own, I hope he'll be able to do an honest day's work and then go home and forget about his job until next morning. I often wish I could. And as a mechanic, instead of an executive or professional man, he shouldn't have to devote as much time to keeping up with the Joneses—or going them one better. Everybody does it to some extent, but white-collar families are almost compelled to—or so they think.

I've never seen any statistics about college graduates who are engaged in occupations where they obviously get no material benefits from their special education. But everybody knows of such people.

In my own group of acquaintances, there's a farmer with a master's degree in education. There are a couple of lawyers who are also farming, a sociology major running a small-town general store, and a former advertising executive who is supremely happy restoring furniture and running an antique shop. Another friend is working as a draftsman in preference to practicing as a registered architect. His daughter, incidentally, is studying to become a laboratory technician. I also heard recently that a chap I knew in college is an estate caretaker. Such men made their own decisions. They found congenial jobs.

I'm not alone. I know several other fathers who have similar ideas about their children's education and future.

Bill McK., who designs process plant equipment, is one. His son left prep school to enlist early in the war, was discharged for a physical disability. The boy didn't want to go back to school while most of his friends were in service, so with his father's approval, he became a lathe operator. He's still a machinist and likes it.

A young engineer I know frequently tells me he wishes he had skipped college. He is bored to death with the petty headaches of office work for a large corporation. He would rather be a machinist. Right now he is not too worried whether his 6-year-old son goes to college or not.

It will be interesting to see if we're right. At least we have support from two distinguished Harvard educators.

Prof. Seymour Harris, in *The Market for College Graduates*, published last fall, goes a step beyond Mark Hopkins' who-should-go-to-college thesis. He asks "How *many* should go to college?" He predicts that within 20 years there will be over 10,000,000 college graduates, perhaps even 15,000,000. There are less than 5,000,000 today. In addition there will be 20,000,000 more men and women who will have attended junior colleges. By 1970, the professions are likely to be so overcrowded, and the financial advantages of college degrees so low, that most parents won't think college is worth the cost.

Professor Harris doesn't go along with my idea of no college training at all. He believes, though, that it's time we told young people the facts about job future prospects. " . . . no young man or woman should be encouraged or enticed into taking the kinds of advanced educational training which are going to lead to a frustrated economic life."

I don't want Pete frustrated. I want him to be self-reliant and able to face the stark realities. I want him to learn that this is not a gentlemen's world, and that it may be less of one when he is grown. I want him ready to meet squarely and factually whatever may develop to affect his personal life.

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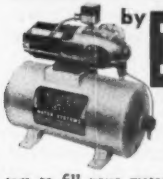

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In any event, the main job I have in the next few years is to help Pete get started on a sound, well-adjusted career. I want him happy, of course, but most of all I hope and expect him to become a good citizen and an asset to society. When he does, I won't care whether he's working as an aviation mechanic, a clerk of the works, or what, for I will have the comfort of knowing I have raised my boy to be a first-rate man.

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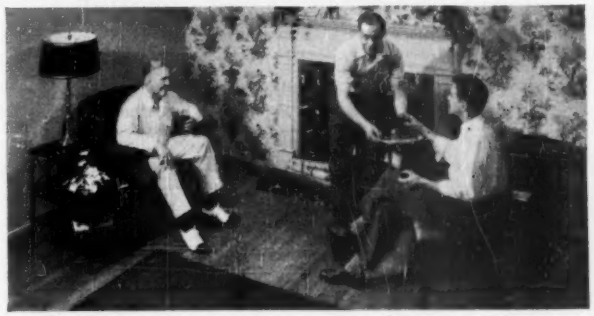

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Looseness is the plague of any chair. A little of it in any joint throws a heavier load on other joints. These overloaded connecting points weaken quickly. Before you know it, your chair becomes a booby trap, quite likely to dump someone on the floor.

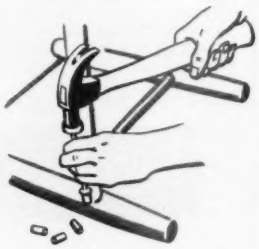
This chair plague knows no bounds, has no favorites. It is just as likely to attack a fine antique as an inexpensive kitchen chair.

The principles of chair repair are essentially the same, regardless of the type of chair you wish to fix. The sketches here show basic methods for curing or preventing loose chair joints—methods easy for an inexperienced handyman to apply. You can use these techniques to repair any wobbly chairs you may have in your home.

You can make your job a lot easier by immediately hospitalizing any chair which shows signs of unsteadiness. Then, as you find the time, apply the repair methods shown here and on following pages to fix the chair so it will *stay* fixed.

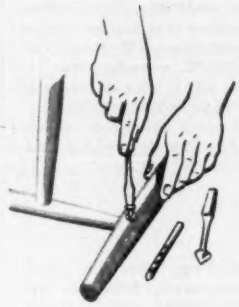
Locking points. Shaded parts of this chair are those which should be locked solidly in place. If these joints are tight, whole chair will be rigid. As described below, key joints which come loose are best locked with glued dowels, inserted at right angles to part being locked. At some points, one long dowel will serve to lock two joints.

Dowel pin. Here a long, glued dowel is being tapped into a hole drilled through back-rest upright and leg. Dowel is notched on both sides. One notch, the full length of dowel, lets trapped air escape. The other, stopped short of the outer end, is filled with glue. Any loose rungs, too, should be notched before being coated with glue and tapped back into place.

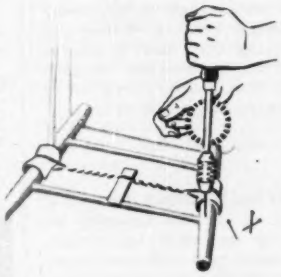


Short peg. Here, a loose rung is being pinned to a chair leg with a short dowel. Nailhead is used to force dowel into place. Drill hole the exact size needed to receive notched dowel, and be careful not to go all the way through. Let dowel project slightly, round it off with sandpaper, and conceal it with paint. Or sink it below the surface and fill the depression with wood putty. If you can, though, position the dowels so they will be hidden.

wobbly chairs



Screw pin. Loose parts can also be pinned in place with screws. Drill a hole for the screw shank, and use a countersink bit to set the screw-head below the surface. Cover screwhead with wood putty.



Nail pin. You can also pin members together with a finishing nail, clipped short. But drill first to avoid splitting. Here, a crude tourniquet is used to hold parts together while glue sets. Newly glued joints should set for about four hours before pins of any type are inserted.

Remove old glue. Before gluing a rung back in its hole, remove old glue, so the new can take hold. Sand old glue off rung, and use a round file or rasp to remove it from the receiving hole. Try to remove glue without taking off any wood, so that you retain a tight fit.

Notching rung. Like dowels, tight-fitting rungs need air and glue notches. Job can be done with a file or rasp having teeth along edges. Without notch, air trapped in hole may push out glue or keep rung from going all the way in.

Loose-fitting rung. When you reset an old joint, don't be surprised if you have a loose fit. Wood shrinkage may be to blame. Glue won't hold a loose joint solidly. To remedy, coat rung with glue, wind on a layer of silk thread, then apply more glue, and tap the rung into place. This should give you the tight fit that is needed.

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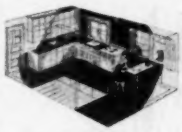

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Fix those wobbly chairs

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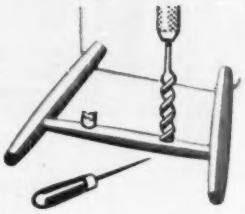
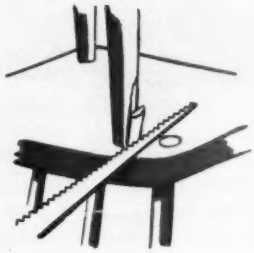
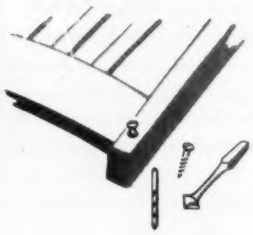
Special fasteners. Metal fasteners like these may also be used to hold loose rungs. File one side of rung end flat to make room for fastener. Tap it on; coat rung end with glue; drive into receiving hole. Always use a block of wood between your hammer and the part of the chair being tapped.



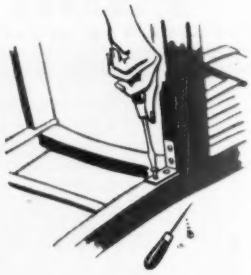
Broken rung. If you have access to a wood-turning lathe, you can replace a broken rung with one that matches the original. If not, even an unmatched straight dowel will return chair to serviceable condition. If stub of old rung is in receiving hole, drill it out as sketched. Use a bit that won't enlarge hole, and be careful not to break through outside surface.



Split leg. Sometimes the top of a chair leg will split. Instead of replacing the whole leg, smooth splintered end with sandpaper, coat with glue, and replace in receiving hole. Then replace split-off part with a glued wedge cut from a dowel. Hammer wedge into place and trim off excess. If the repair shows, round out leg with wood putty before repainting it.



Slat-back chair. Slat joints can be pinned with screws. Drive screw from the back, out of sight, and use one that will catch the slat but won't break through front surface. Countersink screwhead and hide with wood putty.



Angle irons. With flat-surfaced, board-type chairs, you often can reinforce a loose joint with a hidden angle iron. Choose an angle iron with two screw holes in each arm for greater rigidity. An ice pick may be used to make accurate starter holes for small screws.

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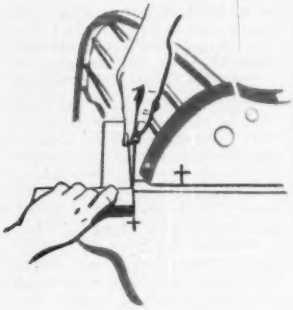
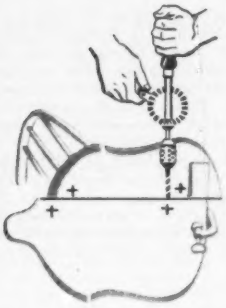
Fix those wobbly chairs *Continued*

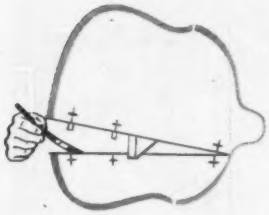
Utility chairs. Chairs that are too marred for general use often see additional service in workshop or laundry. If appearance is unimportant, you can strengthen such chairs effectively with wire and a turnbuckle. Set screw eyes in legs above rungs. Loosen turnbuckle, attach it to screw eyes with lengths of galvanized wire, and then retighten the turnbuckle.



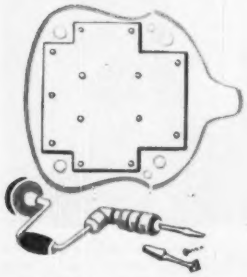
Split seat. Loose rungs and legs, if neglected, may produce a split seat. If split is straight, along actual joint, sand away old glue, reglue, and clamp. A ragged split is more difficult. Start by holding pieces together and drawing three lines across crack. Measure half-inch in from crack and mark across each line. These lines locate dowels. With try square and lines as a guide, make starter holes midway in seat's thickness.



Drill for dowels. At the points marked, drill receiving holes for dowels, keeping bit vertical. You may have to remove chair's legs, which are probably loose anyway. Use scrap board to spread parts of chair seat apart so edge of split is accessible for drilling.



Insert dowels, then glue. If you have trouble lining up dowel holes perfectly, drill holes twice dowel size on one side. Then fill enlarged holes with wood putty. Apply glue to dowels and edges of split, insert dowels, press sections of seat together, and clamp rigidly while glue sets and putty hardens.



Plywood panel. For an additional support, you can cover the bottom of the split seat with a panel of thin plywood, glued and screwed in place. Cut the panel at least one inch smaller all around than the seat, and it won't be visible. To complete the repair, check surface of the seat, fill any cracks with wood putty, and then repaint.

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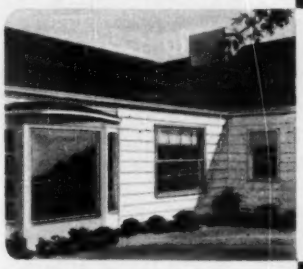

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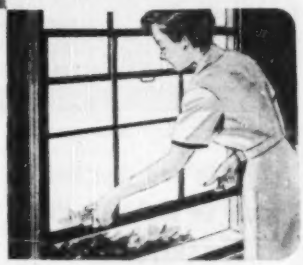

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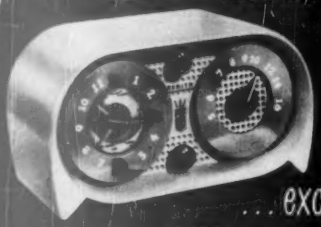

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horizontal joints are raked so there are four strong shadow bands running around the house. This horizontal feeling is further emphasized by the use of clapboard at gable ends, and by doubling every fifth course of the wood shingle roof for strong shadow lines.

Thus, at relatively little extra cost, the house gains architectural distinction.

On inside walls, barren expanses of plaster are broken by good use of plywood paneling, and by a fireplace wall built entirely of brick.

This amount of smooth brick costs more than plaster. But it adds an important illusion of greater length to the living room. It also provides contrast in color and texture that makes up for added cost in increased value.

The plywood paneling on the front wall of the living room reduces glare from the large windows opposite, and sets off the passageway to the front door. But it was not costly; it is nothing more than squares of thin plywood, ripped from standard 4x8 sheets and nailed up with a narrow space between squares to keep grain patterns from clashing.

The slightly projecting bay window, flanked by block piers outside, is another extra that could have been left out. But without this pleasant, well-detailed bay, the appearance of the exterior of Five Star No. 2008 would have been quite ordinary.

Often the extras that catch your eye cost no more than conventional construction. Sometimes they cost less. That is true of the high ceiling of the living room that follows the roof slope. A standard horizontal ceiling would have been substantially more expensive.

Likewise, the lowered ceiling and light trough that delineate the hallway cost less than a plastered partition between living room and hall. And a partition there would have wasted space and destroyed the feeling of openness. The low storage wall between kitchen and dining area is another extra feature that adds nothing to the cost of the house.

The dining space in this house is off the living room, where it can be used for overflow guests or for an extra table of bridge without splitting the crowd into two groups. But it is also a part of the kitchen, making serving and cleaning up easy. This is intelligent use of space to keep it working full time. It removes the need for eating space in the kitchen proper, and it cuts out at least 50 square feet of costly single-purpose space elsewhere in the house.

All other space—in living room, bathroom, both bedrooms, garage, and basement—is planned for maximum utility. Yet increased utility does not bring an increase in size. Plenty of windows and well-planned details make the rooms seem larger than they are.

Basement space, as well planned as the rest of the house, includes a general storage room under the living room, a laundry under the kitchen, and a small vegetable and fruit room. [*Continued on next page*

Kitchen and dining areas are open to each other, separated only by two storage cabinets. Higher ceiling in kitchen keeps heat of cooking from spreading into other rooms. Same colors should be used in both areas

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By Elizabeth Beveridge

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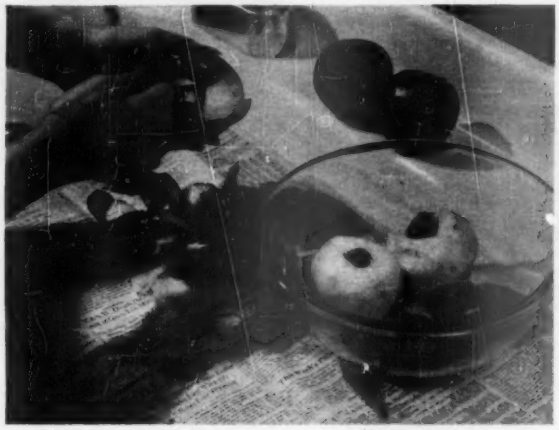
If getting rid of aftermeal scraps and parings is one of your pet annoyances in the kitchen, take a look at the pictures here and on the following pages. They show you how you can get rid of the garbage problems at your house easily, completely, effectively, and with very little bother for you.



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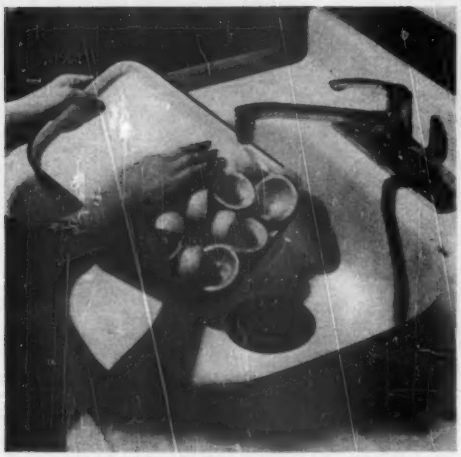

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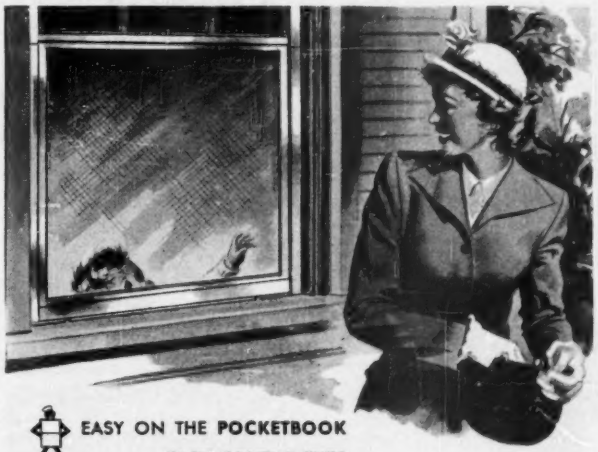

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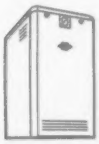

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1. Small servings—there is pride in asking for seconds.
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4. Use cooky cutters or molds occasionally for jelly dishes, cranberry sauce, etc.
5. Serve no more than one new or unpopular food a day.
6. Talk about pleasant things at the table and include the children in the conversation.
7. Try not to overdo the club so that it won't become boring, tiresome, or a bribe in itself.
8. Occasionally add a new idea or change an old rule for interest.

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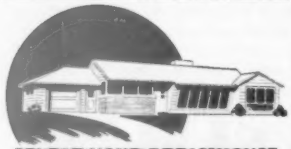

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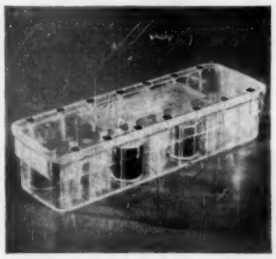

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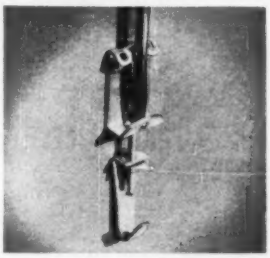

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Child's play and feeding table has built-in seat that swings down from the center of the table. Mother finds feeding easier; tots enjoy it as a place to play. Chair back folds up to make a solid table top. Lacquered Masonite top *Serva-Tot Table*, $10.95. All-metal folding chair, $2.75. Table and chair are red or maize with gray enamel frame. Express charges collect from factory, Muncie, Ind. Beaumond Distributors, 133 Lexington Ave., New York 16, N.Y.

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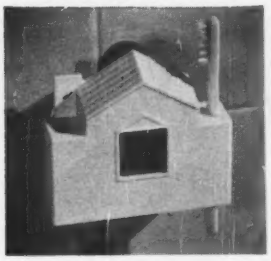

Children brush their teeth to music when they take the toothbrushes out of the slots in the holder. Music box starts playing as soon as the brush is lifted out. Winds by pull cord; can't be overwound. Window shows music-box machinery. Slots for two toothbrushes. Attaches to bathroom wall by cement-fixed suction cups. *Musical Toothbrush Holder*, pink, blue, or white, $3.95, plus 25c postage. Ellison's, Box 284, Orange, N. J.

Tumblers for cold drinks keep all the moisture inside the glass. Aluminum-coated glass with pearl lacquer finish is colored in bright hues. Ice cubes stay solid for over an hour, keeping your drink cold. No sweating, require no coasters. *Ice-Mizer Tumblers*, set of 4 in assorted colors for $3.50, ppd. Glasscraft Mfg. Co., 918 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill.

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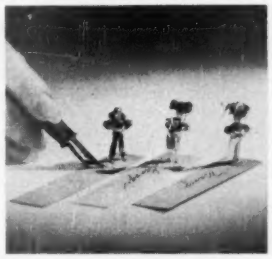

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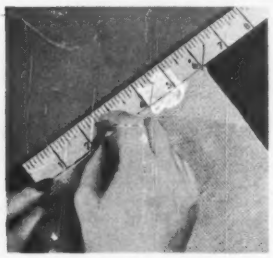

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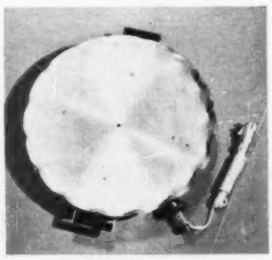

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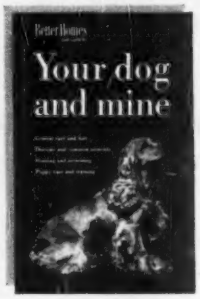

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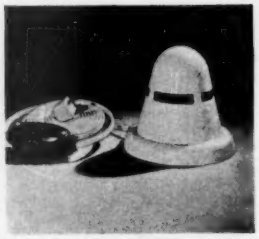


Deep twin troughs in Colonial-style table hold plants in the removable, watertight rustproof metal trays. Or you can use the table as a catchall for magazines, fruits, knitting, knickknacks. Table top measures 18"x13", over-all height 21". Solid knotty pine, finished in antique maple or hand-rubbed mahogany. *Colonial Trough Table*, $14.95, ppd. Templeton Craftsmen, Templeton, Mass.

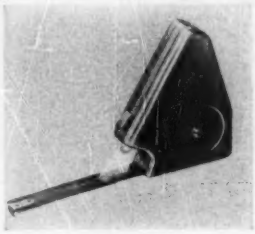
Personal-property pins identify straying small fry. Good insurance against loss at big picnics, crowded stores, the baseball park. Smart coat ornament is finished in bright chrome. Name plate hangs from jaunty bowknot, is held secure by safety catch. Legend on pin has little girl's name, her parents' name, address, city, and telephone number. *Identification Pin*, $1.50 ppd. Meredith, Inc., 1026 Grey Ave., Evanston, Ill.

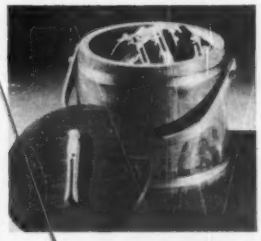
Drinking mug of size and substance for all things potable. It's hand-painted with your own initials. You can have one, two, or three letters. They're permanently glazed. Mug is a desert-sand color, with jade-green banding, about 5" tall. *Personal Mug*, $1.95, ppd. Saugatuck Potters, P. O. Box 501, Saugatuck, Mich.

Venetian point lace tablecloth is just the right size for a card table. Dresses up casual "pinch-hit" tables for entertaining. Washable cloth is all cotton, ecru color, size 54"x54". Edge is overlocked, finished with picot stitching. *Wilbarry Lace Cloth*, $2.95, ppd. Hahne & Co., Dept. 5T, Broad & New Sts., Newark, N. J.

Hand-painted plates in brilliant Chinese colors are designed to go with today's deep-toned walls and contrasting color schemes. Plates picture traditional Oriental scenes in red, green, and gold against backgrounds of green and black, red and black, or all black. Paint is heavily applied to make a raised design. Ten-inch *Chinese Plates*, $6.95 a pair, ppd. Madison Gifts, 12 West Merick Road, Freeport, Long Island, N.Y.

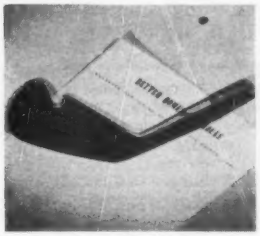
Built-in illumination lights up the figures on flexible six-foot steel tape when you're measuring dark corners and closets, or just helps speed up taking down figures when you're working by lamplight. Standard battery fits inside case. Tape snaps back automatically. *Illuminated Tape Measure*, $2.25, ppd. Treasure Mart, 545 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N.Y.





Glamorous wooden bucket holds that sturdy household necessity, clothespins. Stained and varnished wood is bound with a pair of brass hoops for strength and beauty. Clothespin attached to lid serves as decorative handle. *Clothespin Bucket* with 2 dozen pins, $2.75, plus 25c postage. Byock & Williams, 95 Halsey St., Newark 2, N.J.

Humpty Dumpty with bowler hat and sly grin holds jam for the table or rests decoratively on your whatnot shelf. Humpty is a beige-and-black bit of china with heavy glaze. Mr. Four-by-Four is four inches high and almost as broad. *Humpty Dumpty Jam Jar*, $1.50, ppd. Verard's, 94-21 Lefferts Blvd., Richmond Hill 19, N.Y.



No. 1 iron paperweight cheers golfers chained temporarily to a desk. Polished chrome steel genuine golf-club head has a slice taken out of the top edge, so it can also be used as a bottle opener. *Paperweight Caddy*, $1.95, ppd. Gaylords, 47 West Elm St., Brockton 64, Mass.

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The MAN NEXT DOOR

Late summer is *so* wonderful. The skies are wonderfully blue, the golf courses are wonderfully green, my daughters wonder if I'm good for another set of swim suits, my wife wonders if I shouldn't fertilize the chrysanthemums for fall, and I wonder how much longer, O Lord, will we have to endure this stifling heat.

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Ned Preston is back from his quarterly fishing trip. A cynical friend figured up the cost and said Ned's trout came to $7 a pound. But Ned hasn't had a doctor bill in years.

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On August Sundays I don't like to read intellectual books, solve momentous problems, or make profound prophecies. I just like to lie barefoot under our bee-laden honeysuckle and let contentment reweave its fabric through my life.

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Most certainly 1950 has a fine crop of young bathing lovelies. But spot her 10 pounds or so, and the shapely one I captured in 1925 could still outswim, outflirt, and outcook them all.

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My wife and daughters are campaigning to get their fall coats in early August. They say buying in advance will mean a saving. For the same reason, I'm waiting until late September to buy me some summer pants.

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We neighbors finally got a line on those unfriendly strangers who lived down the street for a month or two. They abandoned their dog when they left town.

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Incompatibilities: cats and needle point . . . dogs and flower beds . . . golf and yard work . . . ants and picnics . . . kisses and onions . . . anger and discipline.

⬆ The vacation snapshots show all the family looking gay and healthy, except me. I still wear the same astonished open-mouthed look and drooping torso of a year ago.

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A good family is like a good baseball team, with the kids fielding, Mom pitching, Pop catching, and all taking a happy turn at bat.

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With scholarly guests for dinner the other night, I was giving an impressive discourse on literature when Babe interrupted me to ask, "Daddy, what's a histamine?" I now find that it's a crystalline base $C_3H_3N_2CH_2CH_2NH_2$—if you, too, are interested.

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By July 1, I begin saying there's no real reason for manicuring the lawn so perfectly, because people are on vacation and won't see it anyway; but my wife takes hoe in hand and shames me. By mid-August, though, she's willing to go along.

The same plumber who tried to sell me larger drainpipes when we built three years ago, was back yesterday unstopping the smaller ones. But he's a gentleman. Not once did he say, "I told you so."

Whenever I overhear my wife say to one of our daughters, "I don't know, dear; ask your father," I know the resulting touch is sure to be either embarrassing or expensive.

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No matter what's lost in our home, Mom can find it. It's either in her desk, her refrigerator, or her sewing-machine cabinet.

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In April, I never understand how any husband can possibly enjoy living lazily in a downtown apartment. But after May's spading and fertilizing, June's spraying and replanting, July's weeding and sweating, August's scorching heat broadens my understanding.

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Here it is half-past 1950, and I haven't done one-fourth the year's improvements around the house and yard that I planned last January 1. But I'll work harder and catch up. Beginning tomorrow.

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My missus nagged me to rebuild our furnace here in summertime because it would be cheaper, but I cleverly answered that the H-bomb might eradicate all of us before winter. "You're disgusting," she said.

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Family happiness soars when: The doctor says no, it isn't cancer, just a skin blemish. . . . A child surprises Mom and Pop with breakfast in bed. . . . Friends ask us to be godparents for their adopted baby. . . . A neighbor woman comes, with pie in hand, to apologize for bawling out one of our children. . . . Aunt Opal arrives unexpectedly with a big hug and a big present for everybody. . . . College daughter tells our minister, "I want to be like Mother, and marry a man like Daddy." . . . Father closes that big deal at the office successfully, and the home mortgage drops back down below the horizon.

This bathroom proved my point

MY HUSBAND built and sold most of the houses in the Colonial Acres development. For a long while, every house sold before it was finished. Then sales slowed down. People came to look but went away without buying.

I tried to tell Harry what I thought the trouble was. His houses looked too much alike.

Harry agreed. "I'll have to work out some prettier kitchens. It's kitchens and bathrooms that sell houses."

"Then why don't you do something about the bathrooms, too?" I asked.

"What can you do with a bathroom?"

"Plenty! Let's see . . . well, your houses are all colonial. Design a colonial bathroom!"

"There isn't any such thing," Harry snorted. "They didn't have bathrooms in colonial times."

I didn't let him stop me. I had an idea. "If you'd use some colonial woodwork and that new Spatter Linoleum of Armstrong's on the floor. . ."

"Spatter Linoleum is all right," Harry agreed. "That's everybody's first choice for kitchens now, but the rest . . . well, you'd have to show me!"

"All I need is the chance," I said. "Just one house to prove my point."

It worked. The first woman to see that colonial bath with its floor of Armstrong's Spatter Linoleum fell in love with the whole house. I moved in a month ago last Friday.

The only trouble is that it's like trying to live in a model house. Harry brings in prospects all hours of the day and night—and the first thing he has to show all of them is our bathroom.

Harry has the last laugh. "You didn't prove your point at all. You said that people wanted bathrooms that were different. They don't. We've sold seven houses this month, and every last one of them is going to have a bathroom just like yours—right down to the same color of Armstrong's Spatter on the floor!"

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